EVERYTHING SUCKS

WHEN NOBODY'S LOOKING

IS ANYONE LISTENING?

The hospital has received an anonymous tip to the Citycountrytown department of social services, and social workers are going to visit the hospital. Panicked, the Doc goes to extreme lengths to keep them from finding out the truth. Meanwhile, Barry finally meets other patients, and they work together to try and expose the hospital to these investigators and save themselves.

SparkleCare

Everything Sucks

When Nobody's Looking

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Dedicated to all huggalos,
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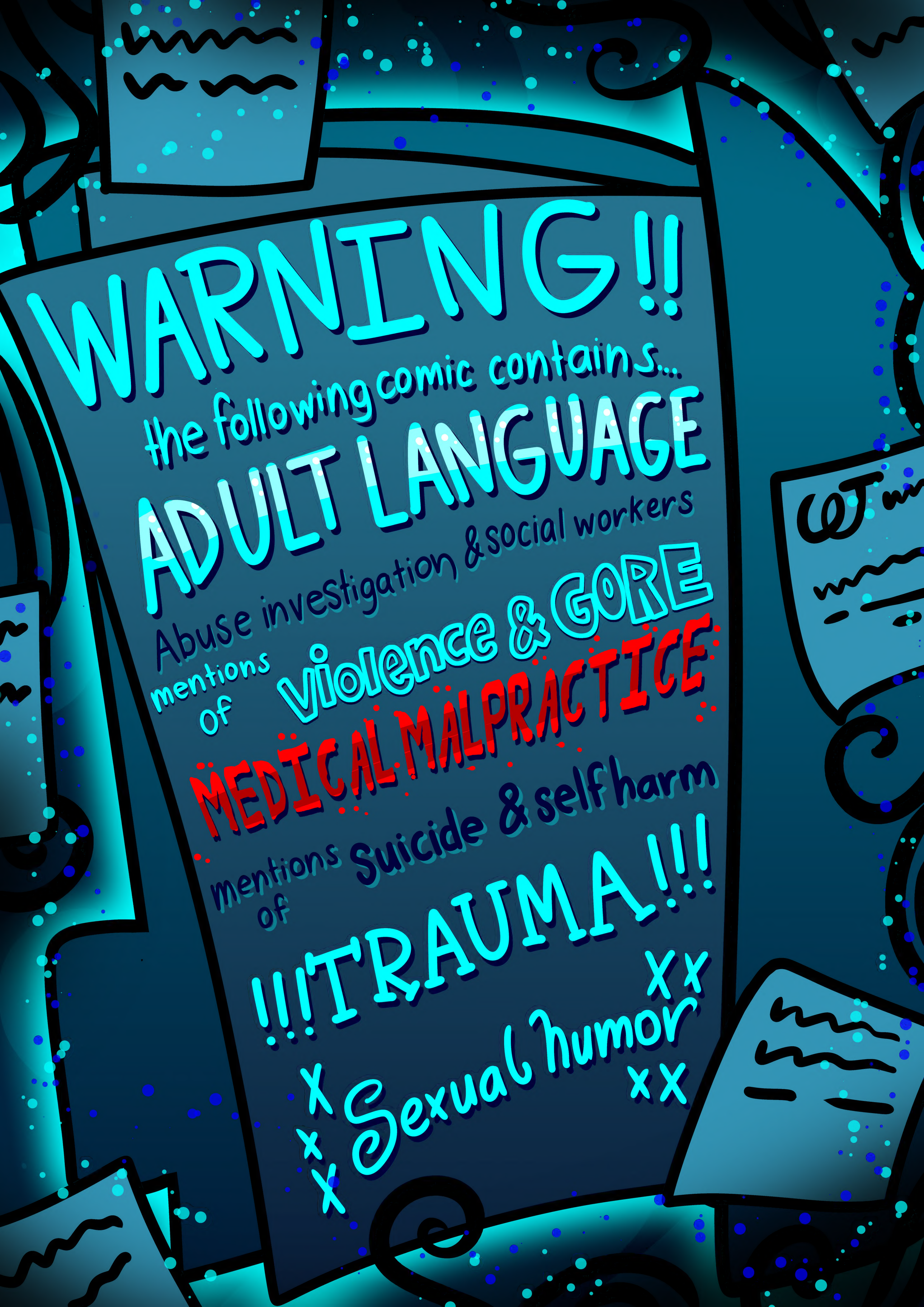
Love, The ZOOP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the following comic contains...
ADULT LANGUAGE
Abuse investigation & social workers
mentions of violence & GORE
MEDICAL MALPRACTICE
mentions of suicide & self harm
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MICROHARD PAIN
SAD EVIL MUSIC
CLICK CLICK!
DOOM MOOD
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COME ON IN!
Hiya bro-bro~!
O-OH, HI SIS!

...what were you just doing?
...I... I WAS... UH...
I WAS DRAWING.
Aw! Can I see!

Oh! That's so good bro-bro!

DHARD PAI

T-THANKS. IT'S HARD TO USE THE MOUSE... IT MAKES MY FINGERS HURT.

SAD EVIL MUSIC

I should get you a drawing tablet! Then you could draw with a pen!

THAT'D BE COOL... MAYBE I SHOULD JUST STICK TO PAPER ART FOR NOW.

RING! RING!
HELLO?
O-OH... OKAY. YEAH OKAY. THANKS. BYE.
Who was that bro-bro?
WE'RE FUCKED.
??

THAT WAS THE CITYCOUNTRYTOWN DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES. DO YOU KNOW WHAT THAT IS?
No, what's that?
THAT'S SOCIAL WORKERS. YOU KNOW, THE PEOPLE WHO INVESTIGATE ABUSIVE HOUSEHOLDS.
SOMEONE FILED A REPORT FOR THE HOSPITAL.
W-what? Who did that?
THEY DIDN'T SAY. IT WAS ANONYMOUS.

I mean... is that really a bad thing?
FOR THE PATIENTS, NO. BUT FOR US, YES. WE WORK HERE. IF THEY FOUND OUT WHAT THE HOSPITAL DOES...
W-WE'D GO TO JAIL, MOOD... OR WORSE... T-THE DOC MIGHT KILL US. HE MIGHT KILL ALL OF US.
Uh oh.
YEAH, UH OH IS RIGHT. I... I HAVE TO TELL HIM.

Doom? Are these different gloves?
M-MY OLD ONES GOT RIPPED UP...
UNREGISTERED
Don't do that. I need them to unrealistically identify who you are.
RRRR

Oh, it's you.
H-hi Doc!
U-um... We got a call just now and I think you should know about it.
What do you want, rat?
A call from who?

...the Citycountrytown Department of Social Services...
.....Oh my god.
Y-yeah... I had that reaction too. Someone made a report.
Who the fuck did that?
They didn't say...

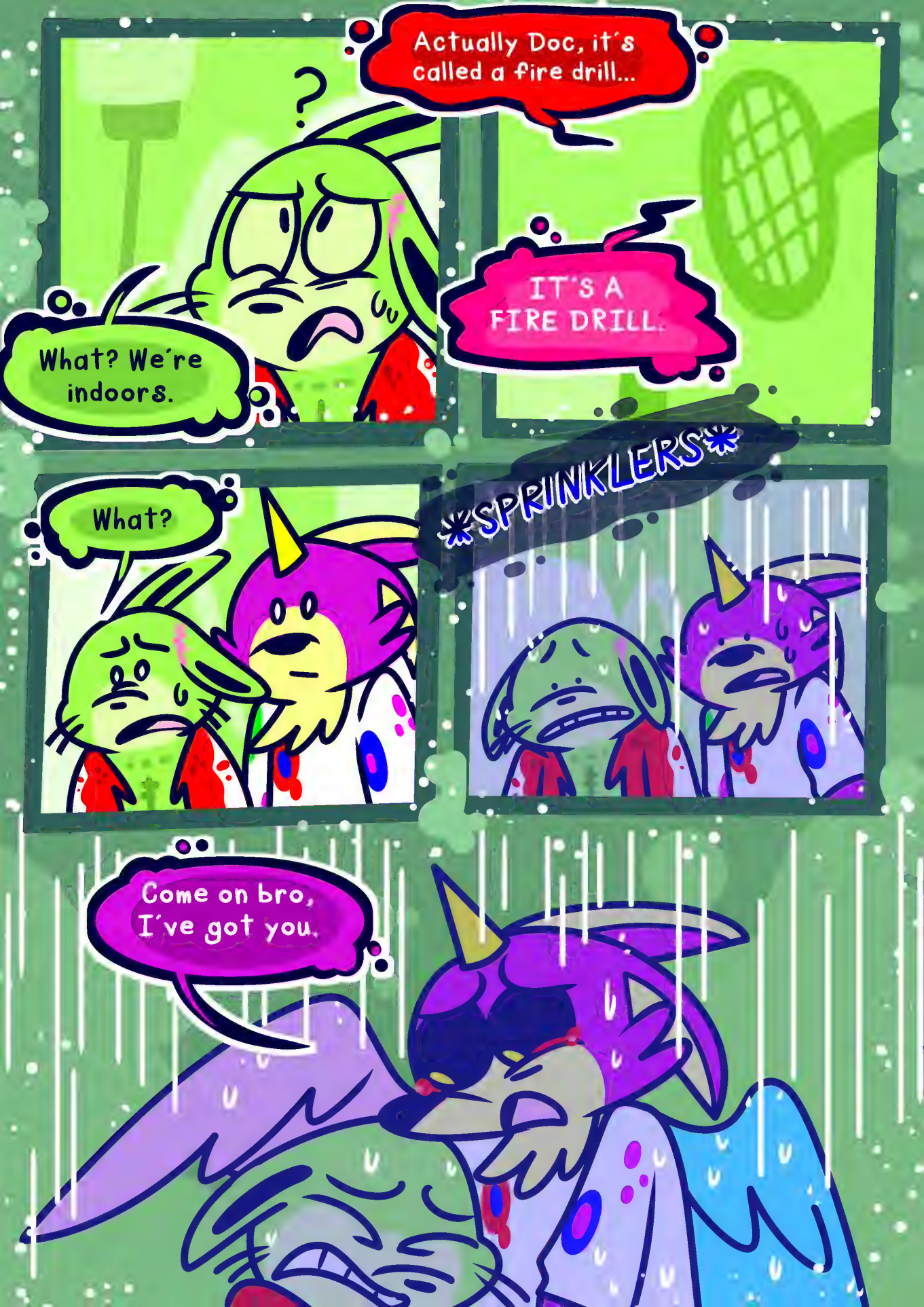
...when are they coming?
...FUCK! Okay. Okay. Don't panic. Uh...
They're on their way right now.
Shit, we can't let them see the patients. We need to hide everyone.
Hide them where?
I have an idea.

Here bro, use this.
There, there, it's okay bro.
PAT! PAT!
BLEEEGH

I know being at the dump made you sick, but it's been a whole month now. It's worrying me bro...
I-it's not unusual for me... My immune system has always reacted to things like this, and it's just made me feel awful ever since we got back.
I don't know why they thought tearing off my ear and putting it back on would make me listen better...
I'm sorry bro.
I-it's fine... I j-just-

Hold on bro.
BLEEGH

If only you had some medicine or something for your stomach.
I w-wish I did.... But I probably won't be getting that around here.
ATTENTION PATIENTS! EVERYONE HEAD OVER TO THE CAFETERIA, IT'S RAINING.


Actually Doc, it's called a fire drill...
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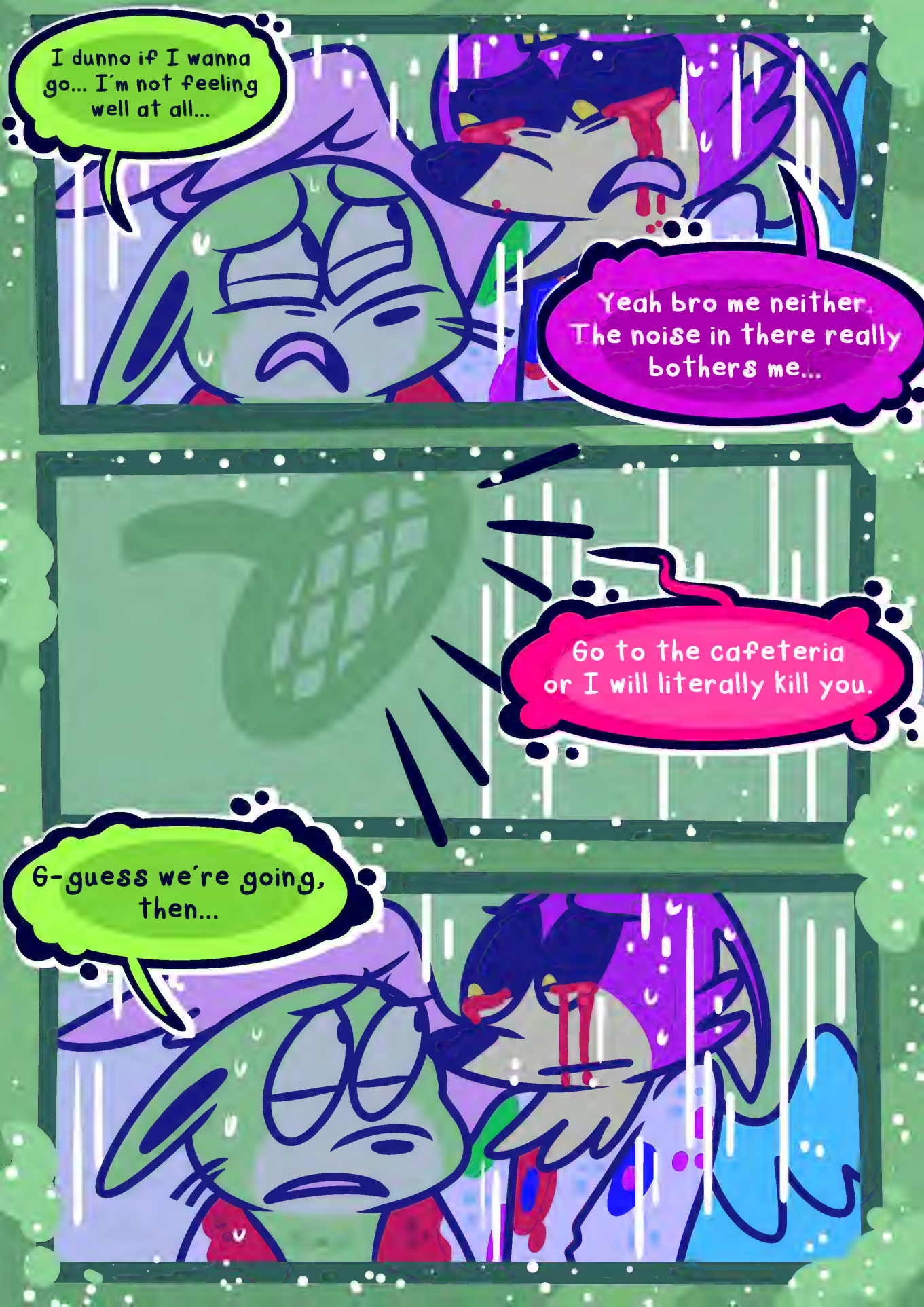
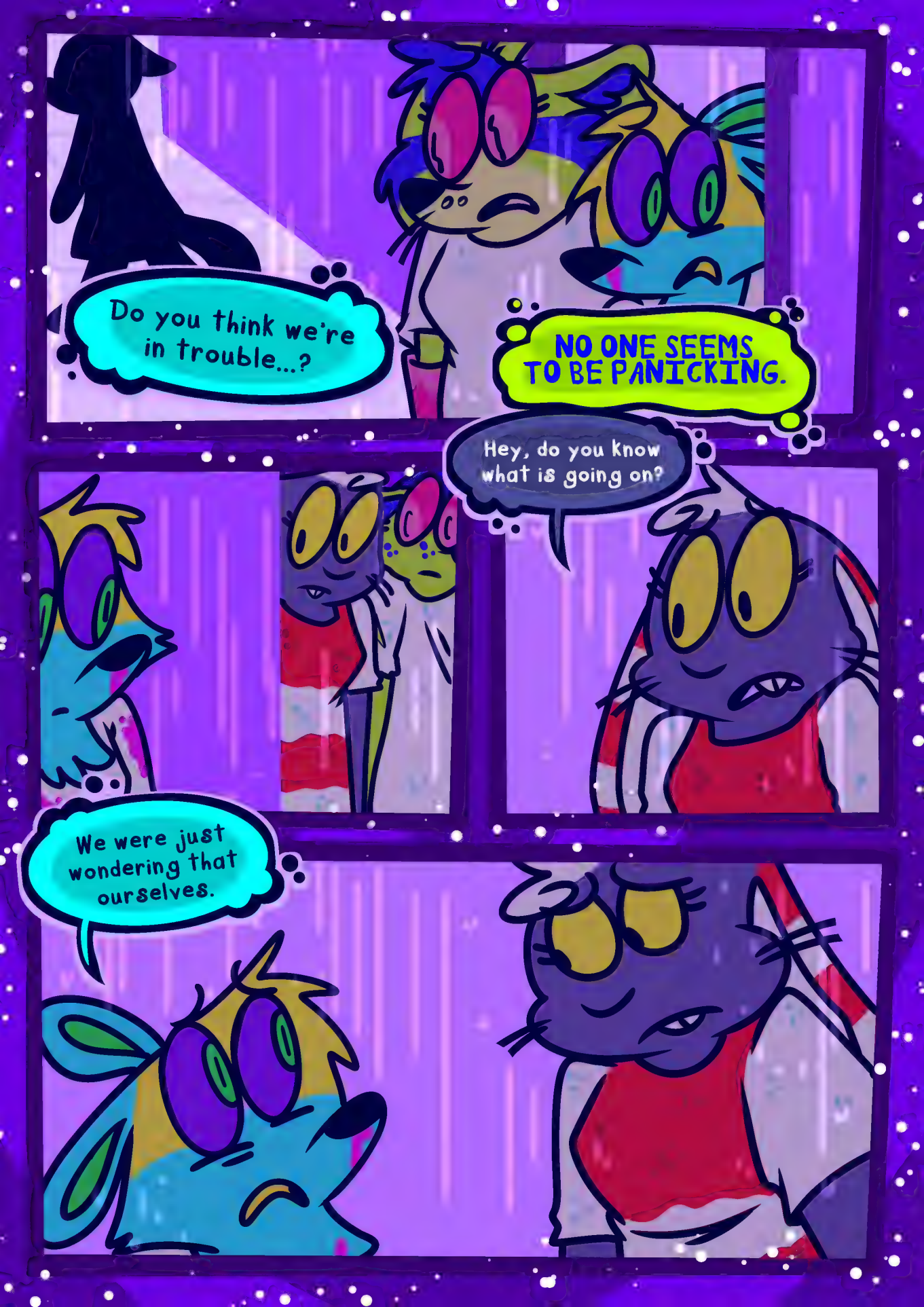
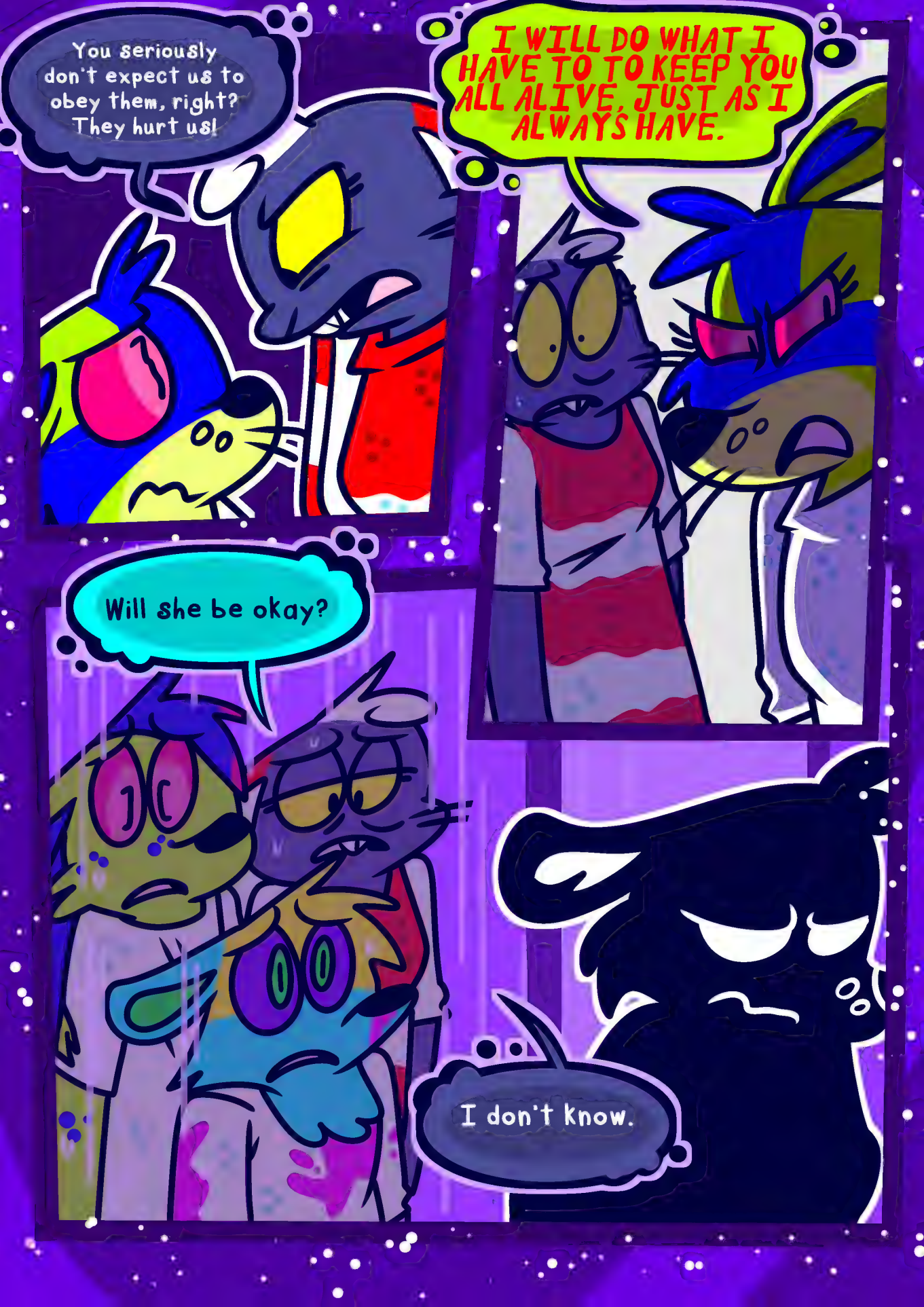
What? We're indoors.
IT'S A FIRE DRILL.
What?
SPRINKLERS
Come on bro, I've got you.


I dunno if I wanna go... I'm not feeling well at all...
Yeah bro me neither. The noise in there really bothers me...
Go to the cafeteria or I will literally kill you.
G-guess we're going, then...


Do you think we're in trouble...?
NO ONE SEEMS TO BE PANICKING.
Hey, do you know what is going on?
We were just wondering that ourselves.

Whatever it is, I really don't like it...
Rrrrr!
Scratch has a point. We lived in that dump for so long, couldn't we just fight the doctors?
NO!!! NO! WE DO NOT GO NEAR... THEM!
But what if this is a trap?


You seriously don't expect us to obey them, right? They hurt us!
I WILL DO WHAT I HAVE TO TO KEEP YOU ALL ALIVE, JUST AS I ALWAYS HAVE.
Will she be okay?
I don't know.

Guys? I'm not sure the "fire drill" excuse is smart... Locking up people in the building is kinda the opposite of what you're supposed to do during a fire drill.
Fuck, you're right... We need some other reason.
W-we can't keep changing our story... They'll get suspicious.

Who cares. I want you two to give the patients the ABP. We have a new patient, it's time he sees it.
O-oh c'mon Doc, why do WE always have to give that...?
Because I know you don't like it and I don't like you. You're going to do it. Understood?
...o-of course, Doc...

Hey, it's okay, come on.

Hey losers! Over here!
Hi Cares...
What do you guys think of the Doc's little announcement? "Rain"? He's probably plotting some nonsense.
T-that wouldn't surprise me, bro...

What's up with you Barry? You don't look so good.
I'm really sick... I don't want to be here...
CREEAK
Hopefully we won't have to be here long, bro.

Hi.
Just shut up, dude.
It's been a month, you're still upset with me?
A lifetime wouldn't be long enough for me to get over what you did, Hemera.

Oh shit Mel! Look, it's the new patient that we keep hearing about!
Oh uh.. okay so?
Let's go introduce ourselves!
...o-okay...

Hey dude!
CYN DHERR
Affliction: Malblaise
Age: 26
Sex: *pleading eyes emoji*
Faves: Fire, spicy food, barbeque, himself, action video games, sunsets, urban exploration
I'm Cyn! The best person here!
MEL N. COLLY
Affliction: Snooty-Snoop, breathes-a-not
Age: 24
Sex: sounds good!!!!!
Faves: Punk music, stuffed animals, warm blankets, coloring books, snow globes, lava lamps, fidget toys, bad puns, Bingo Bongo Theory
This is the only person here that is close to my coolness, my boyfriend Mel!
Why are you talking to me

Yeah the only reason he isn't cooler is his love for Bingo Bongo Theory.
Cyn come on...

...Bingo Bongo Theory?

Could it be that you are a fellow intellectual like myself, who appreciates smart humor?
I think it's funny, yeah.
This is incredible! Everyone else is more absorbed in lowbrow, unintellectual humor. You are the first person I've met with good taste!
Th-that's cool!
Ex-CUSE me?
Though I'm gonna have to disagree with your boyfriend about being the best patient here. Us intellectuals are much superior!

I'm sorry bro, just relax a little, ok? No need to start any fights.
I believe I've just made a rival.
Cyn....
I'll show you who's the better patient... Whatever your name is.
My name is Barry.
...Barry.

DRAMATIC ENTRANCE
HEY VIRGIN, WHAT'S THE BIG IDEA?
...HELLO TO YOU TOO.

Hi everybody! We have something special prepared for you today!
What's so special about a fire drill?
O-oh! About that... there was a slight miscommunication on what we were bringing you here for, but not to worry, it's all sorted out now! Today we're going to be giving the ABP, since we have a new patient.

Oh come on! Not this shit again!
Bro, we've seen that thing ten billion times!
Um... What's the... "ABP"?
The ABP is the Appropriate Behavior Presentation. It's a layout of the expectations we have on how patients should behave while here at the Sparklecare hospital!
It's just a little video you have to watch. No big deal!

What's wrong with the presentation?
I think this presentation is necessary for everyone to see.
You'll see dude. It's just another example of the staff treating us weirdly.
Of course YOU'D think that.

CLICK!

Welcome to the Sparklecare hospital and health care center! We hope you enjoy your stay! Today we're going to be going over our behavioral rules for you and your fellow patients.

The first thing we're going to be covering is Violence. Violence between patients is strictly prohibited. In the hospital we want to keep everyone feeling comfortable and safe, to ensure everyone recovers well.

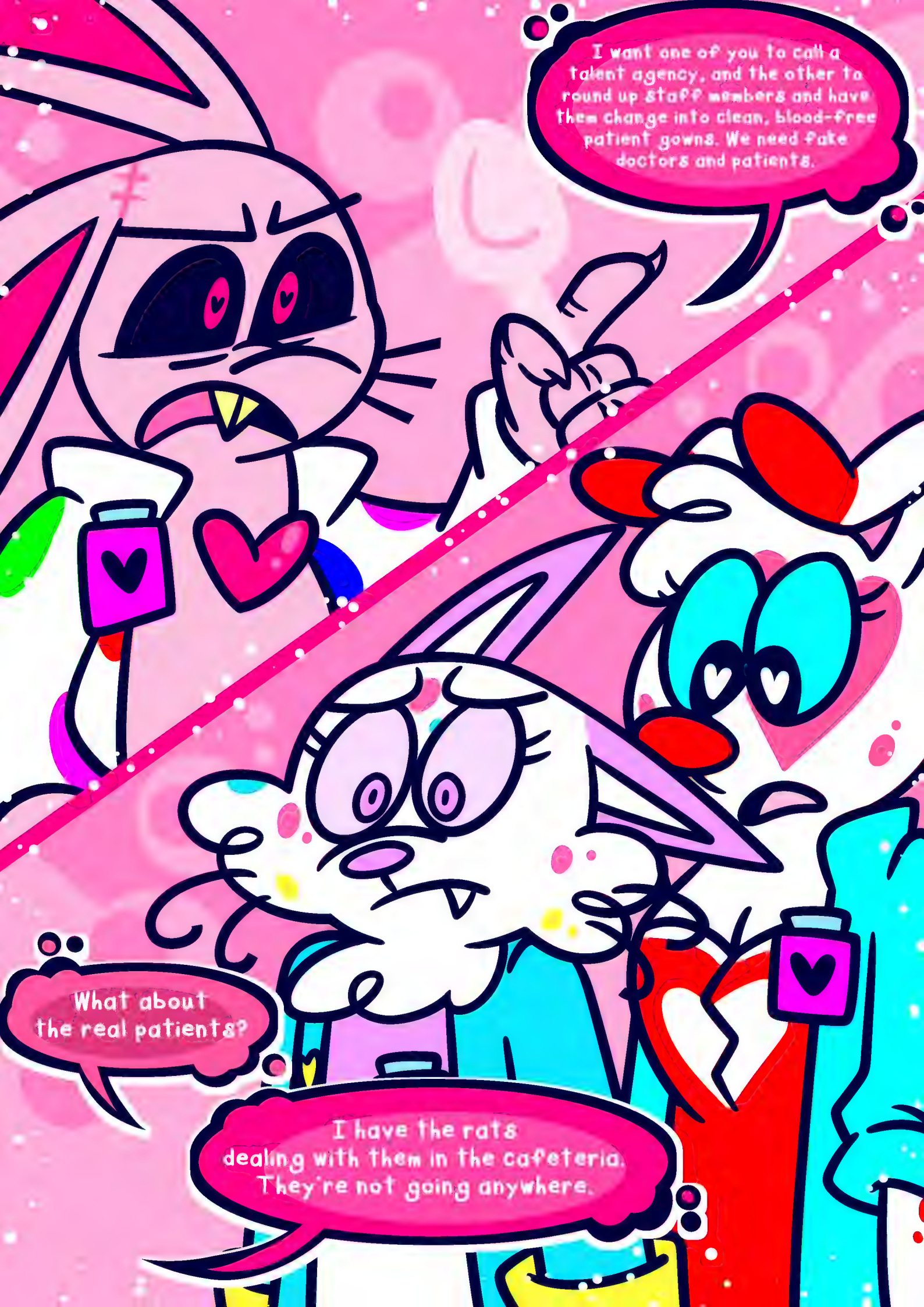
To prevent violence, we expect that everyone is fair to each other. There will be no yelling, arguing, or name calling.

Wow.

Told you it was weird.

This seems extremely hypocritical...

MEANWHILE...
HEY YOU LITTLE SHITS, GET THE FUCK OUT HERE OR I'LL SAW YOUR HEADS OFF AND MAKE THEM INTO KISSMAS LIGHTS!
Doc, what's going on?
There's an emergency. We are being visited by SOCIAL WORKERS.
...oh geez.


I want one of you to call a talent agency, and the other to round up staff members and have them change into clean, blood-free patient gowns. We need fake doctors and patients.
What about the real patients?
I have the rats dealing with them in the cafeteria. They're not going anywhere.

...DOES ANYONE HAVE ANY QUESTIONS?
YES, BLUE ONE?
PAUSE
What's wrong with you?
Care-care, we mean about the presentation.
I dunno, I think my question is relevant. You're telling us to not hurt each other yet you kill and hurt us. Why?

LOOK, WE DON'T MAKE THE RULES. WE'RE JUST PLAYING THIS STUPID VIDEO CUZ THE DOC TOLD US TO. DOES ANYONE HAVE ANY OTHER QUESTIONS RELATED TO THE PRESENTATION? NO? OKAY. MOVING ON.

The second thing we'll go over is our rules about physical contact with other patients.

Oh brother.

What?

As stated before, we want to ensure good recovery and safety, and this means we want to prevent the spread of disease between patients.

This means we don't want any patients in any kind of relationships that are not friendship.

In other words: romantic and sexual relationships are FORBIDDEN. There is much danger involved with touching other people, especially in a hospital environment.
You CANNOT have feelings for ANYONE here. It is very unsafe. Any patients found guilty of breaking this rule may be forcibly separated from their partners indefinitely.
DOES ANYONE HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ON THAT?

....YES?
....WHAT?
Does that rule only apply to other people bro?
Are we allowed to touch ourselves?
...THE... THE RULE DOESN'T SAY ANYTHING ABOUT THAT.

Are your brains completely incapable of using language for productive, intellectual communication?
YOUR MOM GAY.
...how did you know I have two moms?
Oh. I didn't...
...BUT GOOD FOR THEM!

CLICK!
Third, we're going to talk about rooms. There will be no leaving your rooms without the permission of a staff member: this means no loitering in the halls or visiting other patients.
THIS RULE IS PROBABLY THE MOST FREQUENTLY BROKEN BY SOME OF YOU.
FOR YOUR SAFETY WE MUST INSIST YOU DO NOT LEAVE YOUR ROOMS. EVER.

Safety! You dare tell us about safety?
You people have extremely flawed logic.
MAYBE THERE'S A REASON NOT ACTING OUT WOULD KEEP YOU SAFE.

Shhh... it's okay bro-bro.
I cannot stand that guy.
His sister really deserves better than him.

The last thing we're going to talk about is following staff orders.

If a staff member asks you to do something or go somewhere with them, you must do so.

These 4 parts are what makes up the perfect patient. A perfect patient complies with all the rules.

you can be a PERFECT PATIENT too!

WHITE NOISE
For all of this, we have no one other to thank than the owner of the hospital, Doctor Cud-
It always does this at this part...
W-whoops... Oh well... I guess that concludes the presentation!
Great, can we leave now?
zZZ

U-um, actually, you need to stay in here for a little while!
Um... why?
W-we just... need you in here! That's all!

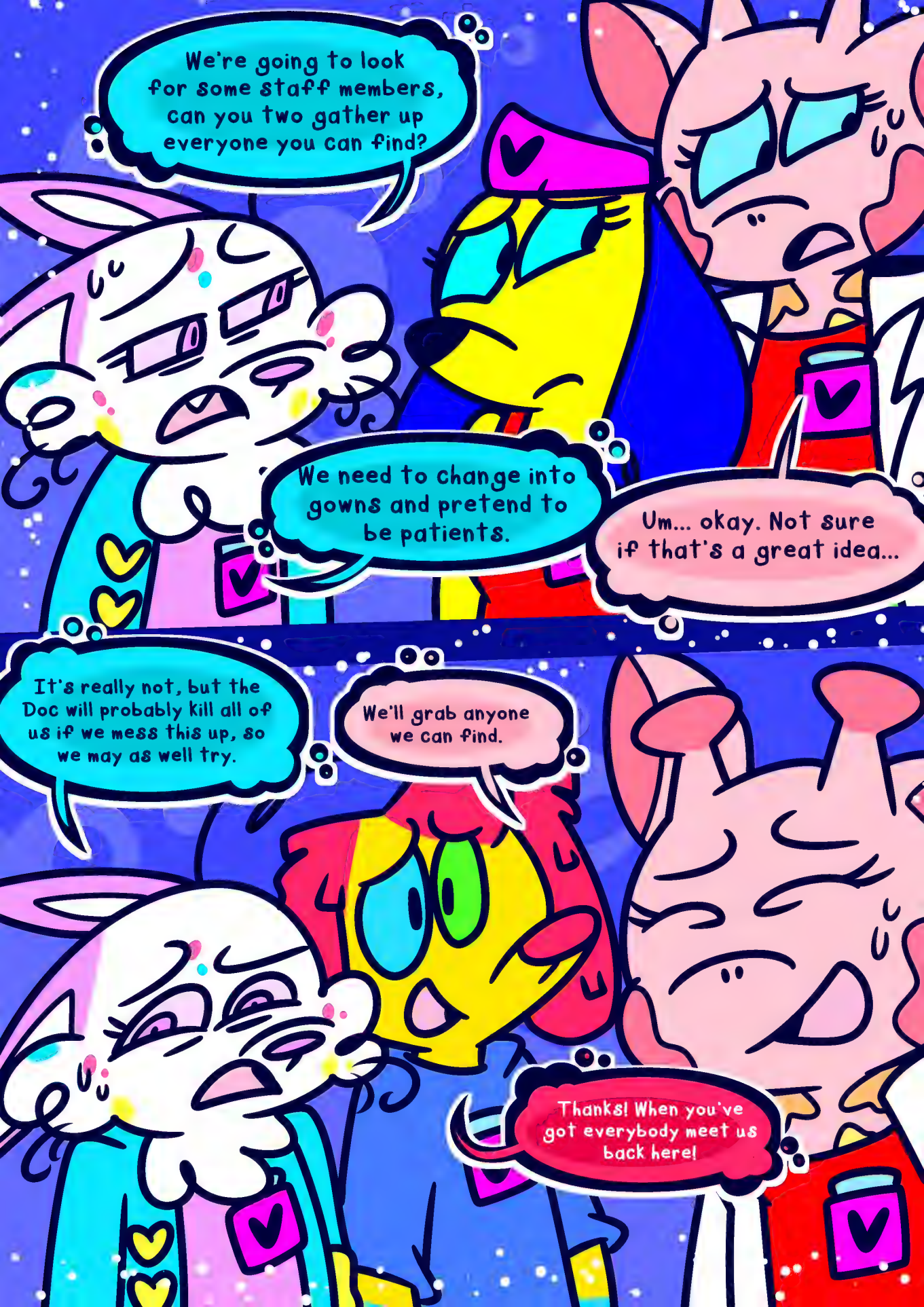
NURSE PINATA
Position: Nurse
Age: 32
Sex: uhh sometimes?
Faves: Funfetti, parties, small toys, balloons
I got this for you!
Thanks, birthday boy.
NURSE SNARE
Age: 59
Sex: Fuck off
Position: Charge nurse, receptionist
Faves: Why do you care

Does everyone HAVE to call me that...?
Hey honey, why are you running?
Uhh.. why?
W-we need to gather up staff and put them in patient gowns...
THERE'S SOCIAL WORKERS COMING!!!
...oh dear.

Is... that really a bad thing?
S-sweetie, you know what I've done... I've KILLED PEOPLE.
I don't wanna be locked up again somewhere else... we already can't leave the hospital like the other staff can...
I guess that's fair... How many staff members do we need?
As many as possible. Puppy's calling a talent agency too, so we can have more people.
Okay... Let's see who all we can find.

NURSE KILLS
Age: 47
Sex: Um...
Position: Nurse
Faves: Taking care of others, sweets and candy, daydreaming
NURSE SHORTNICK
Age: 46
Sex: No
Position: Nurse
Faves: Painting, love songs, fantasy novels
Yeah, it is kind of strange... I wonder where everyone is?
That's a good question. I'm not sure.
I bet you're wondering where everyone is.
She did just say that.

Boxa says we have social workers visiting.
...is that really a bad thing?
sigh Jail.
Oh... Oh yeah.
Yeah.


We're going to look for some staff members, can you two gather up everyone you can find?
We need to change into gowns and pretend to be patients.
Um... okay. Not sure if that's a great idea...
It's really not, but the Doc will probably kill all of us if we mess this up, so we may as well try.
We'll grab anyone we can find.
Thanks! When you've got everybody meet us back here!

SPARKLECARE
schedule
charge nurse:
SMARE
SOON
THERE
DR. STONE
Position: Gastroenterologist
Age: 47
Sex: Perhaps! :)
Faves: Shiny things, rocks, Crunchy things, glue, arts & crafts, hugs!
Hey, Godiva?
Hi! What's up?
We're trying to gather up staff members to pretend to be patients. Can you come with us?
Oh! Sure! How come?

SOCIAL WORKERS.
...but is that really a bad thing?
WHY DOES EVERYONE KEEP SAYING THAT?!
Maybe they have a point, honey.

Ugh... you're probably right. I'm just terrified of this going badly! I have a feeling it WILL!!!
I'll come with you. I think it'll be okay!
Yeah dear, don't let this stress you out so much, it'l be fine.
Okay... okay... you're right. It'll be fine. It'll all be fine.

GOOD JOB
CCT TALENT
6555-2737
CLICK CLICK
BEEP BEEP!
Hello, this is the Citycountrytown Talent Agency! How can I help you?
Hi, I'm from the Sparklecare hospital, we need actors for something.

Woah! What an honor!
O-of course! What do you need?
Dude! This is somebody from that Sparklecare place!
We're... having an... event, and we need people to be fake staff members.
Oh, fun! What kind of event?

U-uh... an eventful event!
Yeah, but, for what?
It's an eventful event for an event!
Hello, this is the owner of the hospital, Dr. Cuddles, speaking!

O-OH! It's- it's so nice to meet you Doctor!
Y-YES! Absolutely, absolutely!!!
Yeah. Can we get actors or what?
Great. I'll work out the details with you later. Just send over as many people as you can.

O-oh god, I've never talked to someone so rich before! And he wants to give us money!!!
Oh, I'm willing to do absolutely anything for him, regardless of how immoral it is!!!

An eventful event? Really? You didn't have to tell them what it was for.
I didn't! I said it was an event! That's not specific!
Whatever, they'll do anything I say, I'm not worried about this at all...

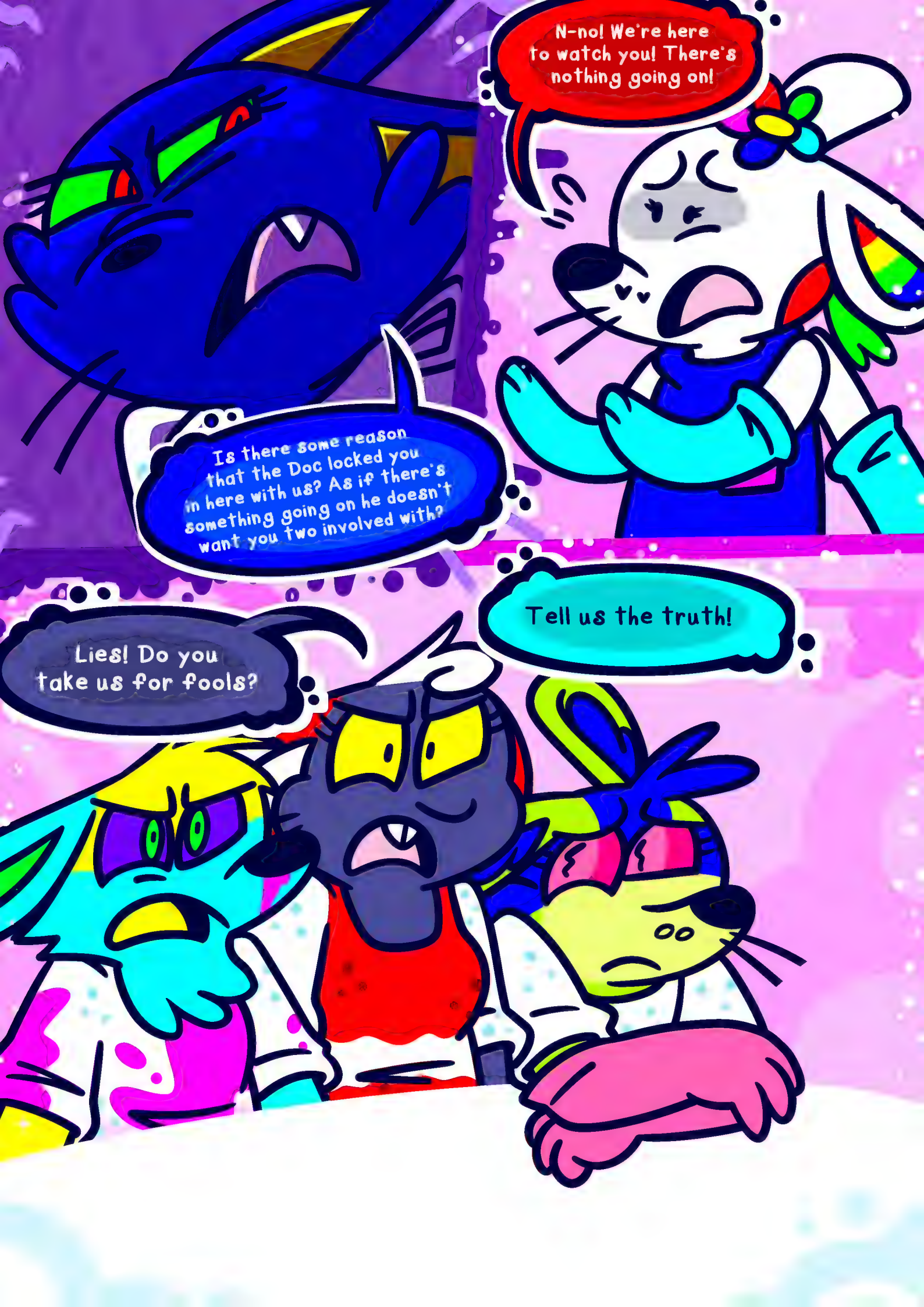
I'm extremely worried about this.
No, no, calm down. You've gotten away with this much, some social workers coming in won't make a difference.
Besides, I can buy my way out of anything.

SALE
Y-you said we're going to meet them there?
Yep. Don't be so stressed, I can see you sweating.
S-sorry, I'm really nervous, I've never been in a place this famous before...
We'll be in and out before you know it. Just don't touch anything, okay kid? Medical equipment is expensive.
Besides, this place is great. We'll just be talking to a few patients and staff members, while Dr. K looks over the living conditions of the hospital rooms, operating rooms, and the cafeteria.

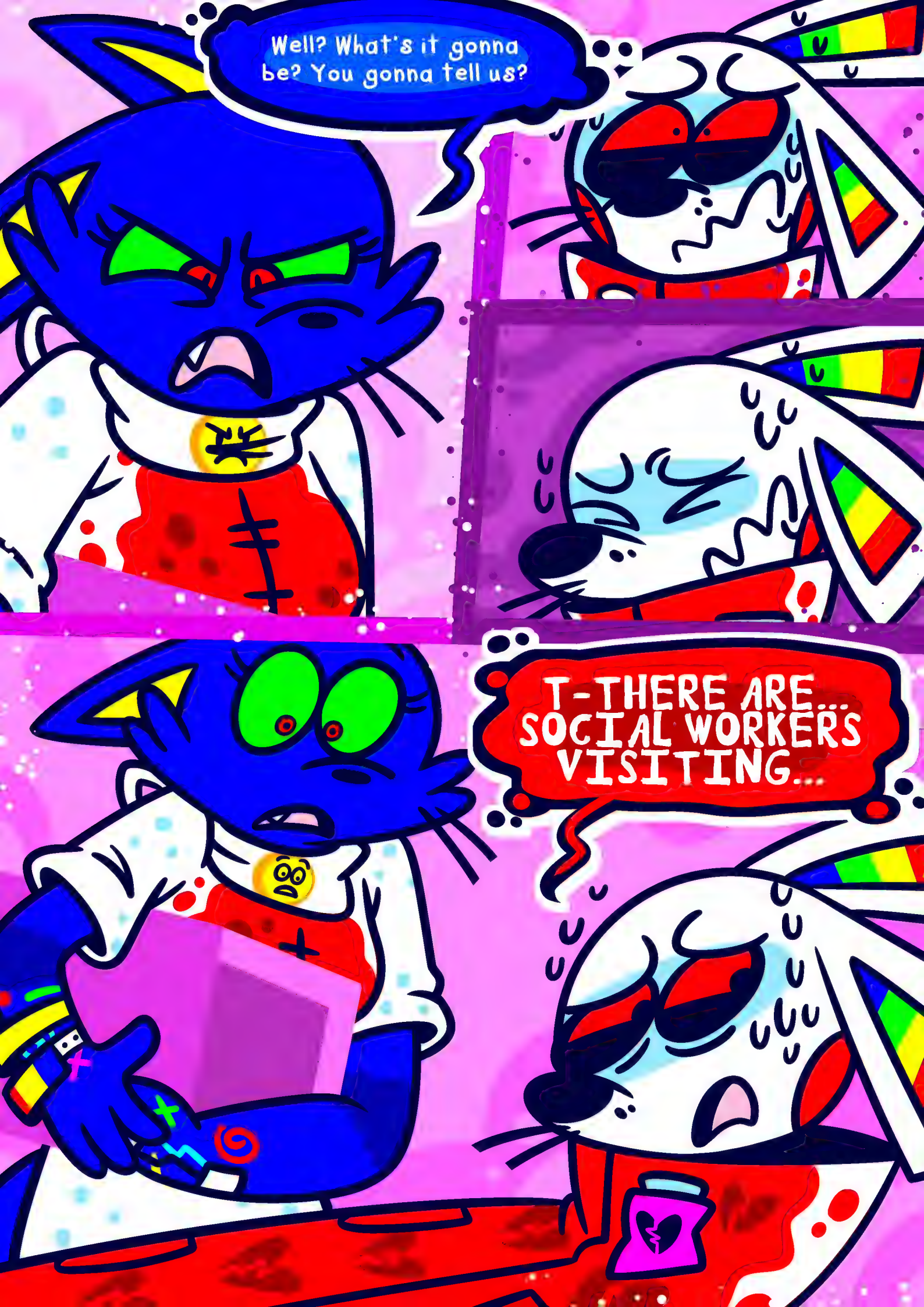
I want to go back to our room.
Me too, bro.
Why are we being locked up in here?
I have no idea.
TAP TAP

Look, idiot, just tell us what the hell's going on.
WE DON'T HAVE TO TELL YOU ANYTHING.
PUSH!

...they locked you in here with us?
YEAH, TO MAKE SURE YOU DON'T TRY TO LEAVE.
Is it that? Or...


N-no! We're here to watch you! There's nothing going on!
Is there some reason that the Doc locked you in here with us? As if there's something going on he doesn't want you two involved with?
Tell us the truth!
Lies! Do you take us for fools?

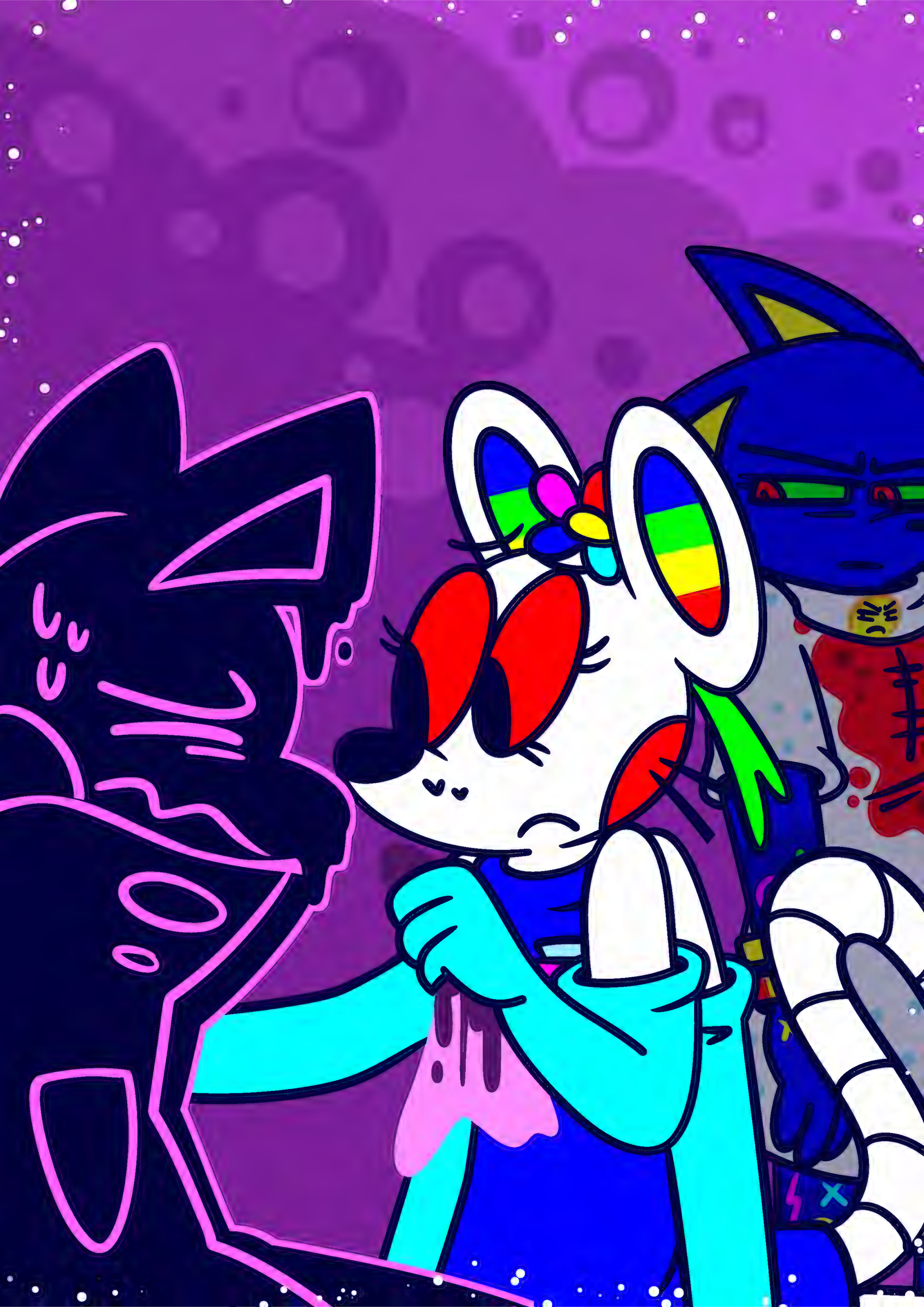
YOU'LL FIND OUT WHEN THE DOC SAYS YOU CAN KNOW.
Start talking, or I'll pour Barry's puke all over you.
Bro-bro...


Well? What's it gonna be? You gonna tell us?
T-THERE ARE... SOCIAL WORKERS VISITING...

Social workers...?
You mean you've locked us up in here so we won't be able to tell them what's happening to us?!
I-IT WAS THE DOC WHO-
SLAM

S-social workers? Like.. the ones who investigate abuse?
I-it's f-f-for your own good!
They're visiting us and we can't talk to them?
Mood! I thought you were on our side!
L-LOOK! NEITHER OF US WANT TO DO THIS! B-but the Doc will be very upset if we don't! He- he probably kept us in here so we wouldn't try to do anything to stop him! That's why we're here with you!

I literally can't believe this!
Oh, I believe it. I don't expect anything better from these people!
Okay everyone, let's calm down for a second. Panicking and yelling will get us nowhere. Let's take a few minutes to destress. Take deep breaths.



And to think we almost had a chance of getting out of here...
It's always like this bro. Even if we got out it'd be the same as before. Nobody would listen or care.
Will you stop causing trouble? You're probably going to be punished for that later, or get us all punished.
If you don't shut your bitchy mouth, they're gonna find you outlined in chalk and it WON'T BE THEIR FAULT.

So. That was... very brave.
Yeah, yeah. Nothin' I don't do everyday already.

I was expressing earlier to Miley that I feel that it is necessary to stand up for ourselves against the doctors, and you very much did, and I greatly admire your tenacity to do so.
!
It's not a big deal, I know it usually bites me in the ass later but sometimes it's just worth it to fight against them.
That ISN'T a very good way to think about it, Caroline.

YOU! It's your fault we got dragged back in here!
I only came for my friends!
And we were collateral damage! Who gave you the right to take anyone back here?
Do you really think you're helping your friends this way?!

You were all bound to come back eventually anyway. I was trying to help keep you all from being killed for what you did, I wasn't helping the staff. If you stay in line then they leave you alone, like they leave me alone. Acting out is dangerous.
Dangerous?! DANGEROUS?! OH, I'LL SHOW YOU DANGEROUS!
Jandy, stop.

I know you're upset with her, I am too, but... getting mad isn't gonna undo what happened. Come back and sit down.
...fine.

Augh... I still feel sick...
Do you need your trashcan bro?
It's a headache... I think I need some water.
I can get you some, bro.
N-no, it's fine, I'll get it.

DRINKS
BLEACH
NAIL POLISH
SEWAGE
BLOOD
WATER
Cola
On second thought, my head is fine.
Hey!

You thirsty?
I made it!
Uh... where'd you get that?
Trust me.
W-why not?
Orange, no! Sorry, you shouldn't drink that.

It just looks like normal orange juice?
...That's their sweat.
UNGRIP
Yep! I told you I made it myself. Say, have we met before? I don't recognize you.
U-UM... NO, I- I DON'T THINK SO.

ORANGE U. GLAD
Affliction: Etsfuhkinredd
Age: 26
Sex: doin
Faves: Citrus fruits, lame dad jokes, bad puns, reading, having friends, Jean ♥
Oh! Then nice to meet you! I'm Orange U. Glad!!!
Wanna hear some jokes?
Not really...

...I don't know.
Why did the doctor tell the nurse to walk past the pill cupboard quietly?
So she wouldn't wake the sleeping pills!
Wow... That was bad.
Wait, I've got more! Is it true that an apple a day keeps the doctor away?
ONLY IF YOU AIM IT RIGHT!!!

That second one wasn't even a pun.
Their jokes are the best!!!
What, you don't like puns? That's a shame!!
I... yeah, sure they are. Anyways, I better be going now-
Waitwait!!! You need to meet Jean!
STOP
Who?
Jean! He's great!
??

JEAN ERRIE
Affliction: chronic head hurty, systemic greenus evergreena, lots more
Age: 22
Sex: (no response...)
Faves: quiet places, being alone, watching anime, fizzy drinks
Jean, this is Barry!
Um... hi.
He doesn't talk a lot. Say hi, Jean!
Don't worry, he doesn't mean anything by it. That's just how he is.
That's fine. I get it. I struggle with talking to people sometimes too...

KIKI PILARIS
Affliction: Gooey Goopy Guts
Age: 30
Sex: Oh You Know!
Faves: Medical science, sports, loud music, fruity little drinks, self-care, his friends <3
OHHH! And and, MY name is Kiki!
Something about you seems... really familiar, but I don't know what it is.
?
Huh, that's funny. What's your name?
Barry. Barry Ill.
Uuhh... yeah... I am.
Oh!! Ill! I know your family! You're from Littletinytown, right?
MILDLY FREAKED OUT

It's cool to meet someone else from my hometown! I haven't been there in a long time, though.
How long have you been here for?
Uuuh... I don't remember when I got here. I don't really remember coming here at all, it's weird.
Oh... um... I see...
A-Anyways!! I need to go... do... something.

...hey, is that coffee? Where'd you get that?
Huh? I made it. I've never seen you before! My name's Finn! I'm a civet!
FINNEGAN FEVERS
Affliction: Beaver Fever
Age: 21
Sex: promise?
Faves: Warm drinks, scented candles, home made sweaters
THAT'S WORSE!

Hey Reese, say hi to the new guy!
REESE TRENT
Affliction: Thinks-a-lots
Age: 39
Sex: Uh
Faves: literature, daydreaming, music
Hi.

You just got here, didn't you?
A little over a month ago, yeah.
I've never seen you before!
I don't go out much.
Makes sense.
Hey Polly, someone new is here!

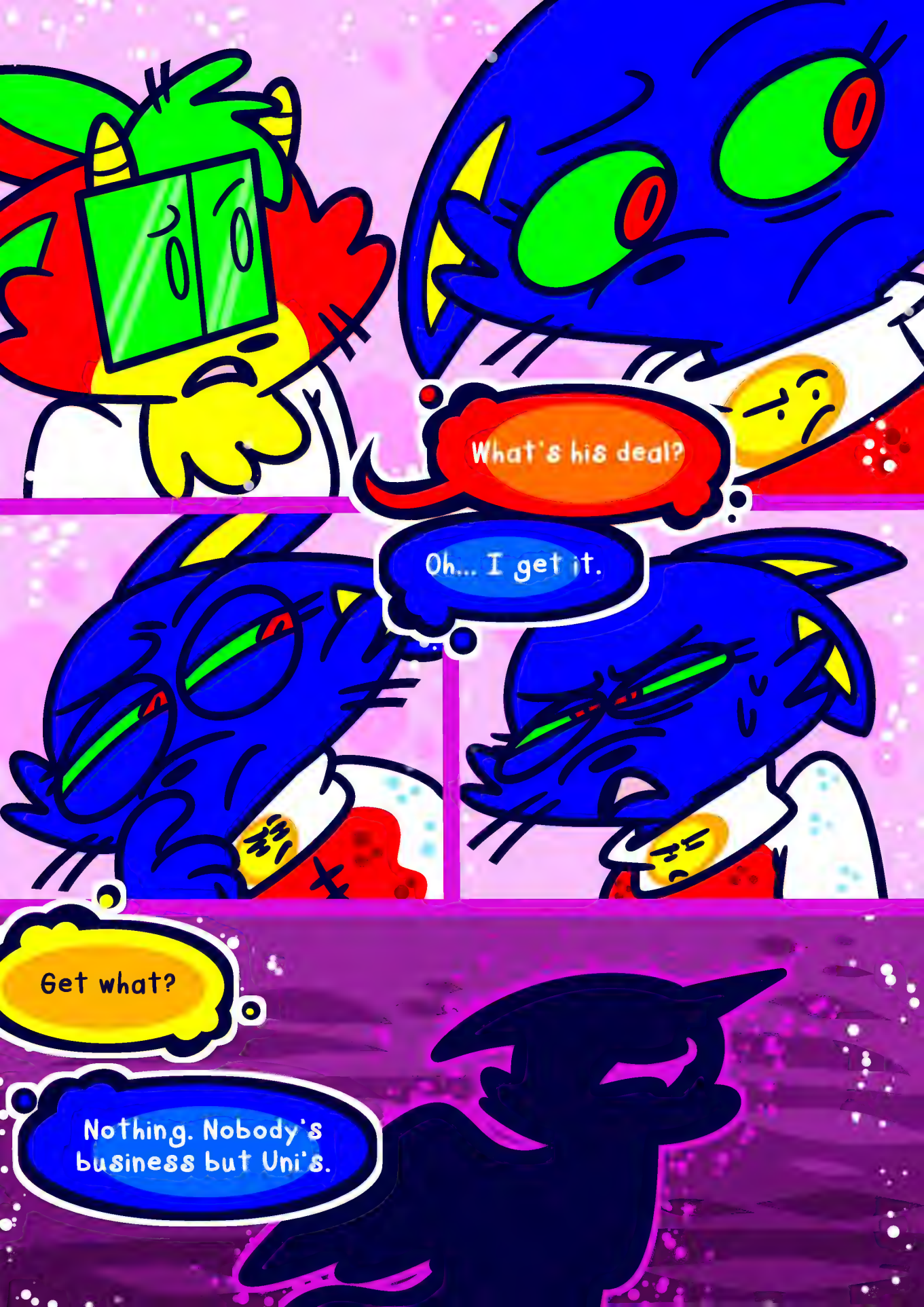
POLARIS AMRY KLEPSKY
Affliction: The Uncommon Cold
Age: It's been a while
Sex: Now or later?
Faves: Art, shiny things, sticky notes

Where?
He's right here!
WOAH WHERE'D YOU COME FROM

H...HI!!! M-m-my name is... B-B-Barry!!!
Hi
Y-y-your name is... P-Polly?
Hi

...why's he talkin' to Ice Cubes? Wasn't he getting water?
Maybe he wanted to say hi to Finn, Reese, and him.
Maybe he was just drawn to Polly like everyone is.
E-Eh? Drawn?
Everyone likes Polly. How could you not?
L... likes???

You know, like... has the hots for him!
The "hots" for a fuzzy popsicle???
Well, I mean... they have TVC... Polly's cold, dude. Everyone's attracted to them.
You mean... Barry's...
U-uhhhhhhh.... I need to leave for a minute bro...


What's his deal?
Oh... I get it.
Get what?
Nothing. Nobody's business but Uni's.

Ugh... why do I feel so sick?
There's nothing weird about Barry liking Polly. Everybody does.
Then... why..?!
OH NO

Oh my god. Oh my god. Oh my fucking god.
No. Nooooo no no no no no. This can't be happening. This can't be happening.
T-that's not what it is... it can't be that... it can't.. I couldn't possibly... n-no, I can't even think it... Barry's so arrogant... and he doesn't like me...!!!

He thinks you're gross and annoying and doesn't even call you by your name!
He doesn't even believe in magic! He thinks you're delusional!
What could you possibly like about him...?! It's not like he... spends time with you... pays attention to you...
or... or that he's kind of cute... and strong...
...NO!!! WHAT AM I THINKING?! I'M LOSING MY MIND!!!!!

H-he'd never like you back anyways... you're just gonna get yourself hurt by feeling this way... You're just gonna... get your heart broken...
But the more I think about it... the more I realize... I've wanted to protect him since the moment I met him... he made me want to try to escape again, d-despite... what happened before...
He has this.. effect on me... I don't understand it...
O-oh fuck, I'm doomed...

NO TRESPASSING
VIOLATORS WILL BE SHOT
Shot with what...?!

That's Dr. K. Don't disrespect her, she has little patience.
I- I guess that's a good thing in a hospital...
This is a serious investigation, Mr. Howtlook, now is not the time for jokes.
S-sorry... you gotta laugh sometimes...
K

Good afternoon! Welcome to the Sparklecare hospital!
My name is Mr V Hepful, I'm a social worker from the Citycountrytown department of social services. This is Brigh T. Howtlook, he's an intern.
Well, let's get this started, shall we?

R-Right this way, then!
This is our security office, where we check out patient belongings to make sure they do not have anything that they could use to harm themselves or others! Anything of the sort found is confiscated for their safety.
I see... is that all?
Yup!
You don't take anything else belonging to the patients?

...u-um... of course not!

Might we check one of these lockers?

W-well... I wouldn't wanna invade the privacy of one of the patients!

Open a locker.

R-right then! Okay!

I have no idea what's in ANY of these... I need to pick carefully!

MATCH
Wow, that is very dangerous, you absolutely did the right thing in confiscating them.
Y-yep! Extreme safety risk, those would be!
Very well, moving on.

This is our receptionist, Nurse Carel She writes up information about our new inpatients so we can start organizing their treatment plans!

Hello nurse, we have a few questions for you, if that's alright.
Absolutely. Go ahead.
Doctor, may me and my intern have a moment alone with the nurse?
O-oh, but of course!
How long have you been working in this facility?

About five years, sir. I completed my receptionist program in 6011 and applied here.
What sort of records does the hospital here keep?
We process patient information and help patients fill out their medical history when they first arrive.
Knowledge of medical history is necessary for making sure the staff has a proper understanding of the patients they are working with, and how to help them.
How would you describe your work environment?
I think this hospital is the best place I have ever worked at, sir. They take amazing care of their patients and do the best at supporting them.

Positive, sir.
Have you ever seen anything out of the ordinary going on here? Are you absolutely sure the staff takes care of the patients?
Have you ever seen the staff harm any of their patients?
Not that I can recall. I have only seen good things.
Thank you ma'am. That will be all.
K

Alright! R-right this way!
We now will be visiting and speaking to medical staff, including nurses and doctors.

DR. HAPPY
Hi doctor. Sorry to interrupt, but we have a few questions for you.
Ah, yes, how may I help you?
How would you describe your experience working here?
DR.HAPPY

Wonderful. I look forward to coming into work everyday.
What medical duties do you perform?
Auhm.... Many kinds!
What kinds are those?

I- I am a... cardiologist. I help patients with-
DR HAPPY
Is that all?
W-when these results come back, I can diagnose any... heart and coronary artery conditions... abnormalities..
BIOPSIES + EKGS
STRESS TESTS
BLOOD TESTS?
With things such as biopsies... EKGs.. s-stress... tests... and... blooooood tests.
RESULTS = DIAGNOSE
HEART + CORONARY ARTERY
CONDITIONS + ABNORMALITIES
+CONGENITAL HEART DEF
Or con...gen...ital... heart... defects.

How long have you been working here?
S-seven years, sir.
I see. Have you ever seen anything out of the ordinary happen in this place?
L-like what, sir?
Such as... other staff members harming the patients?

N-no sir, never. Everyone here takes very good care of our patients and makes sure they have a safe, happy recovery.
That's all. Thank you.
S-sir, doesn't something seem... off, about how that doctor was acting?
I don't think so. She seemed fine to me. People are often stressed during visits.

Alright... now, we would like to speak to some.. Patients.
Of course, right this way! I gathered a few for you to speak to! You can take them in individually if you like.
Not just any patients.

U-um... what do you mean, sir?
Well... in the report made, we were shown a picture of these people. Can you bring us to their rooms?
O-OH.. u-um... yes, I- I can do that! I'm pretty sure they're all in checkups right now though... I will have someone bring them back to their rooms and you can talk to them.

FUCK!!! Okay.. okay... I know what to do.
MOOD
DOOM
Come
later pl
YOU'RE THE BEST! -SIS
PAIN
SADEVIL MUSIC
The fuck is this? Oh, whatever.

UNTITLED
Yes... yes... okay, okay... this is good.
Perfect! This will keep things in our favor. Especially that one...

First, I will look at operating rooms.
STAFF CLOSET
I wonder what they need so many closets for.

OPERATING ROOM
COUGH

I wonder what they'd need an old document like this out for... hm, not really suspicious though.
Notes, my biggest concern here is cleanliness. They just need to tidy up a bit.
02/04/01

Where are you from, Polly?
I don't remember anything from before I got here
Nothing?
I dunno
Yep
You... don't know?
It's ok, I don't really care
O-oh... I'm... I'm sorry.

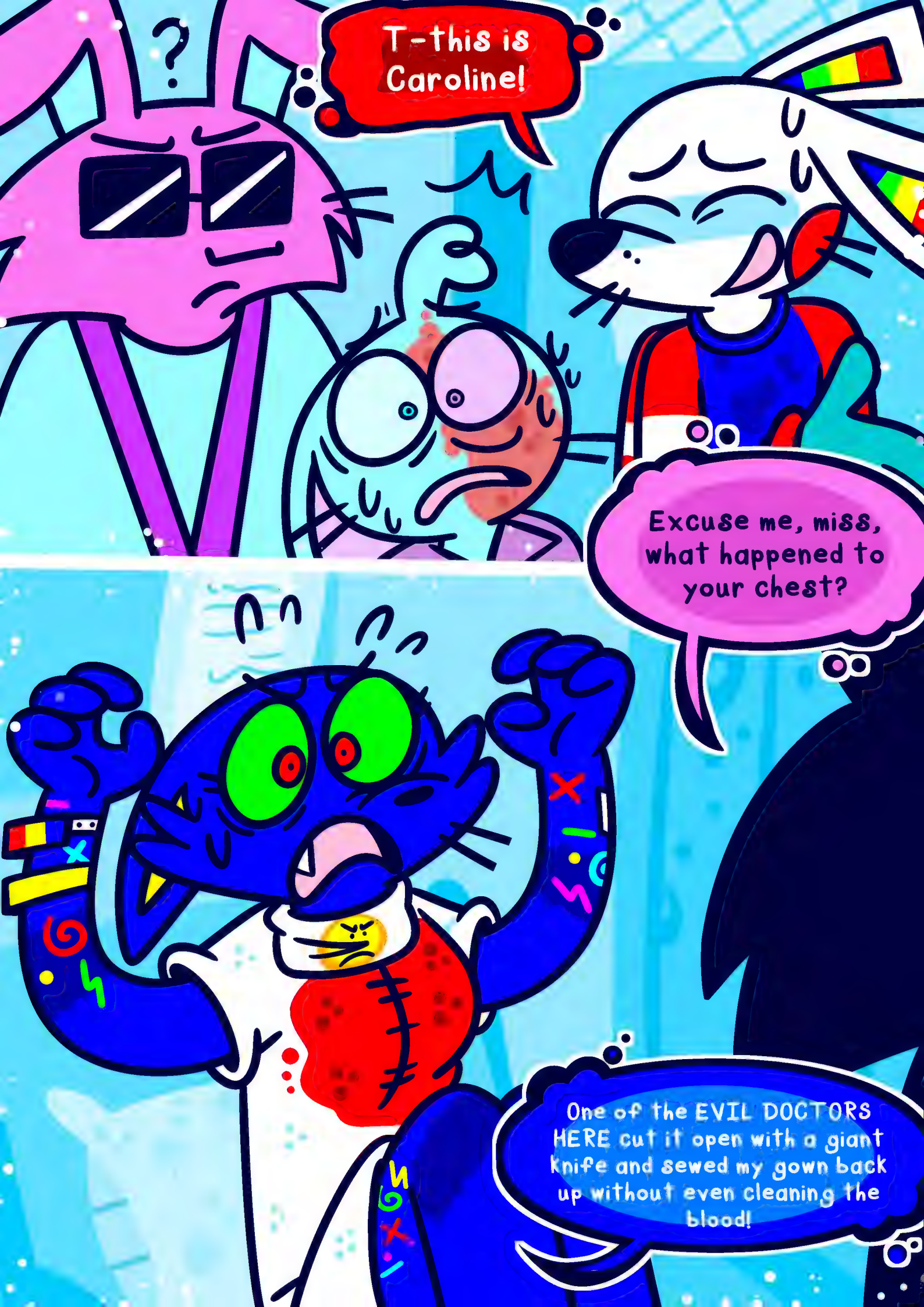
RATS. You. OUT HERE. NOW.
W-what is it Doc?
We have a bad situation on our hands. They want to see those 5 escapist patients from the festival.
O-oh. Oh no.
But do not fear, I have prepared something that will keep things safe. Poor Mood, remove your coat.

U-uh... Doc? I... I don't like taking it off...
I said... REMOVE IT.
Now. I want you to start with... Caroline. Go get her.
M-me? Get CAROLINE?
Yes. You. Now.

H-hey, Caroline? Could you come here?
What? Did you just call me my name?
P-please, just come here.
?

What do you want, loser?
I N-NEED YOU TO COME WITH ME. JUST COME ON. IT'S BEST THAT YOU COOPERATE.
Whatever.

Strange of you to want to be alone with me.
Are you becoming fond of me, you sick fuck?
NO!!! I WAS TOLD TO BRING YOU HERE. J-JUST... PLEASE, COOPERATE, AND EVERYTHING WILL BE FINE.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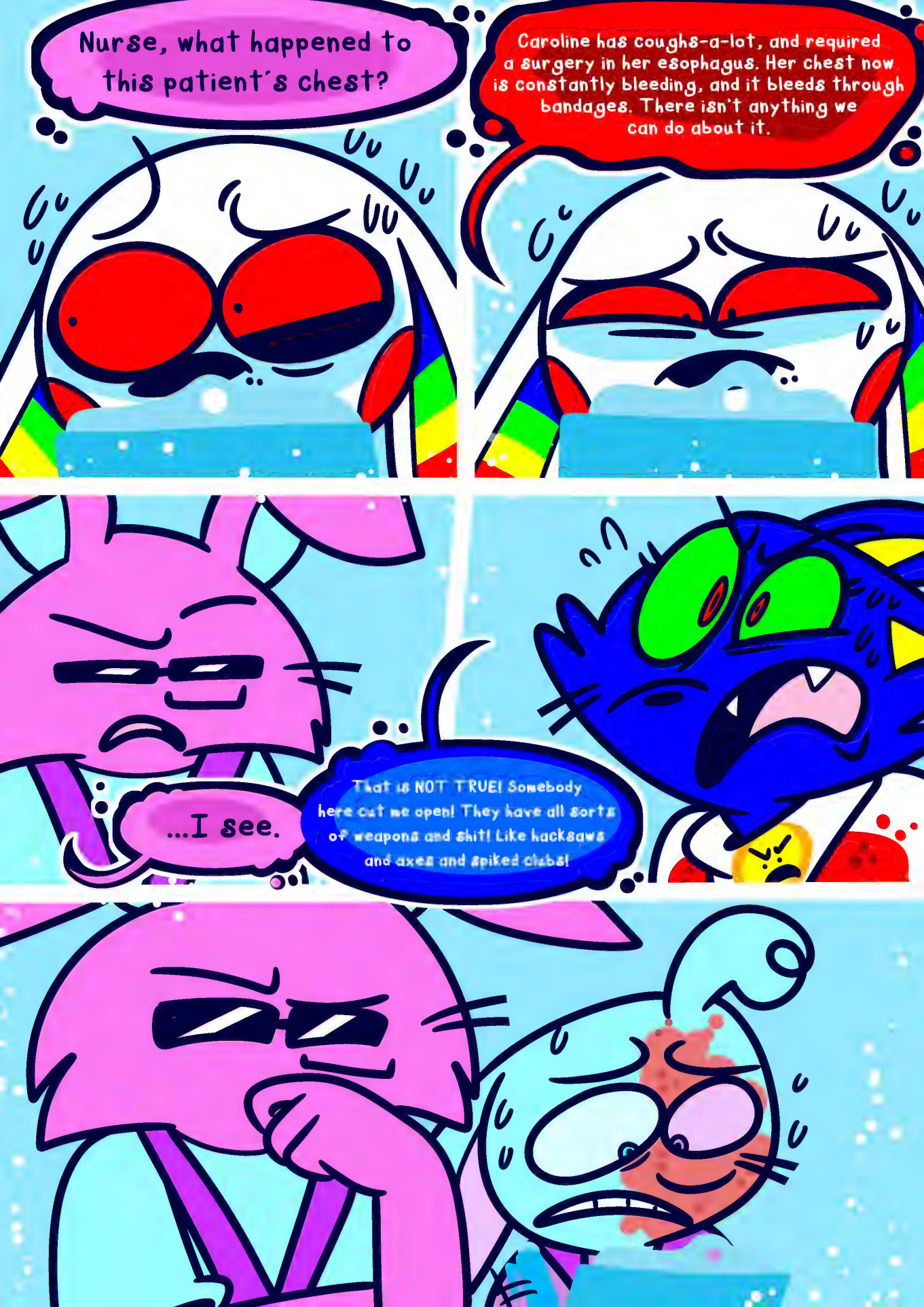
T-this is Caroline!
Excuse me, miss, what happened to your chest?
One of the EVIL DOCTORS HERE cut it open with a giant knife and sewed my gown back up without even cleaning the blood!


Nurse, what happened to this patient's chest?
Caroline has coughs-a-lot, and required a surgery in her esophagus. Her chest now is constantly bleeding, and it bleeds through bandages. There isn't anything we can do about it.
...I see.
That is NOT TRUE! Somebody here cut me open! They have all sorts of weapons and shit! Like hacksaws and axes and spiked clubs!

W-who's the next patient?
Well... thank you for talking to us. May we see the next patient?
That one.
....o-oh no.

Geez... throwing up so much made me hungry...
MENU

RING!
HEWWO!!!

How can I hewp yew?
I-I'm here for... Food...
FUDE! I can pwovide! Gibe me ten seconds!
ZOOM

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Slime that does not come from SNAILS
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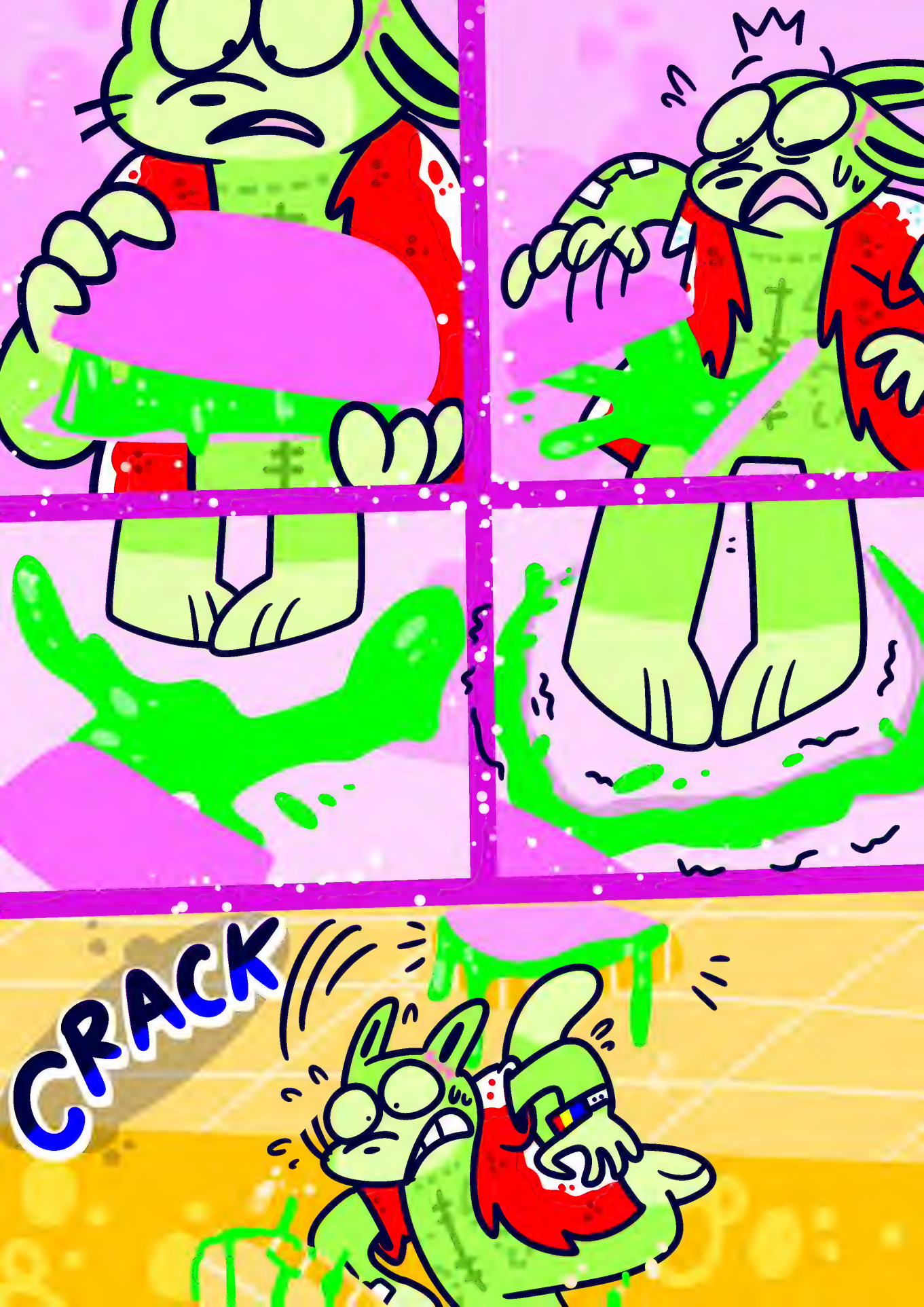
Hewe yew go!
Um... Thanks...?
Youwe wewlcome!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H-HEY... PURPLE ONE?
C-CAN YOU COME WITH ME?

What the heck was that...?
I'm free!
I need to find the social workers!!!

...where is he taking Cornelius?
I should follow them, but I can't let them know I'm here...

RO
BRO

What the fuck...?!

Augh...!! Annless Tears!
Nurse, what the hell happened to this patient...?!

U-um... I don't know if it's my place to say it...
What the hell does that mean?! Where are his eyes?!
Did someone here do that to him?

...n-no... nobody here did that to him.
The... the injury that caused this patient to lose his eyes, was...
Was it some kind of freak accident? Please explain right now, this is a huge concern!

SELF INFLICTED

...self-inflicted? Are you saying- are you saying this patient gouged out his own eyes?
T-that's right, s-
Dear Tears... that's terrifying.

This patient has suicidal tendencies and has attempted to take his life several times, and he is prone to self harm. He gouged out his eyes three years ago with the intent of killing himself.

He's highly monitored because of these past behaviors. Nobody else did anything to his eyes.

Is... this true, patient?

Will you please talk? This investigation is important. If this is not what happened to you, please speak now.

N-no bro...
No? That's not what happened?
...no... that... that is what happened, bro... I... I wanted to quit... t-that level got too hard...
...i-it's still hard...
...well...

Maybe it's a good thing you're here, anyways.

B-Barry?
Y-yeah, it's me.
U-um... how long have you been there?
...I've... I've been here... the whole time.

...O-oh.
...Cornelius... I'm... I'm sorry.
S-sorry... U-UM..
P-please don't say that. I hate when people say they feel sorry for me.
I mean... my bad... u-uh...
U-ugh... I don't know what to say...
You don't need to say anything bro. I've heard enough about it.

Um... I... I'm really glad you're still hanging on at least... I can imagine it's really hard when you feel that low... I've... I've never really been there, s-so I wouldn't know...
...t-thank you bro.
If... if you ever need someone to talk to, I'm around. I don't know how much help I would be but... I could at least listen and be with you. I care about you a lot.
...t-that... means a lot to me, Barry.

W-well... you mean a lot to me, if that's worth anything.
...b-bro, I-I'm sorry if this is weird, but--
WAG
Hey Knee-knee, I'm here to take you back to the-

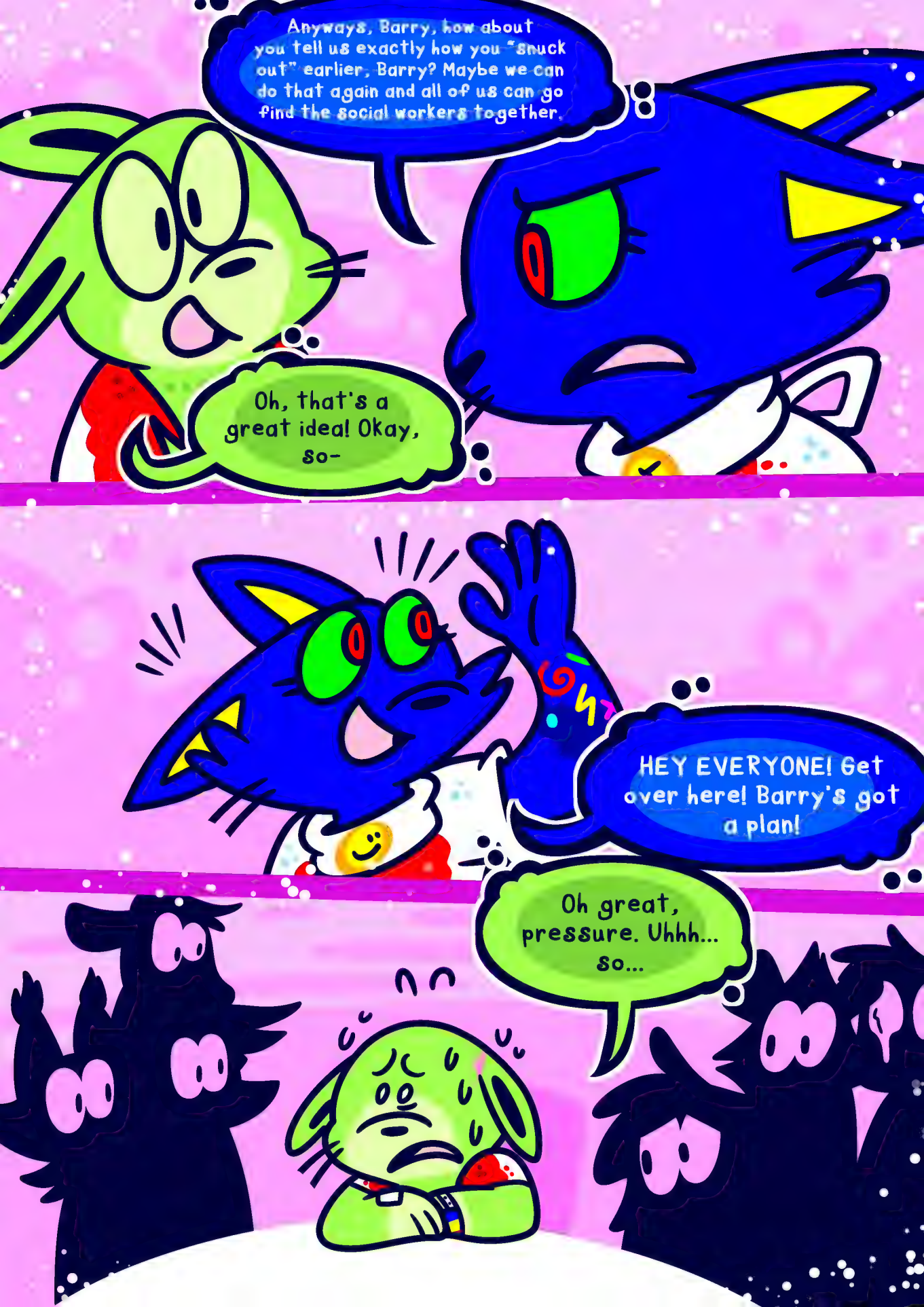
...oh! Bear-bear! What are you doing here?
...n-nothing... sorry... I slipped out when Doom got Cornelius...
Oh dear... well... Please come with me now.

What were you going to say, Cornelius?
...n-nevermind, it's... it's not important. Don't worry about it bro.

Barry? Where did you go? Why are you with Uni?
Uh... I snuck out. They sent me back here.
Well, don't do that! It's dangerous! No sneaking out of here again!
I'm assuming one of us is next. Let's go together.

Hang on, you can't do that! You're just gonna tell them to be quiet!
That'll happen whether we say something or not. There's a sliver of hope that they'll listen to us, we need to take it! These guys are professionals!
Yes, and that will keep us safe. Think about it Caroline, what do you think the Doc will do to us once this is over, if we all try to speak up? You know what happened before.
Jay, when they talk to you, don't lie. Tell them the truth. Don't listen to Hemera.

RED ONE? YOU'RE NEXT.
I'm their caregiver, I need to go with them.
...OH. UM. OKAY.


Anyways, Barry, how about you tell us exactly how you "snuck out" earlier, Barry? Maybe we can do that again and all of us can go find the social workers together.
Oh, that's a great idea! Okay, so-
HEY EVERYONE! Get over here! Barry's got a plan!
Oh great, pressure. Uhhh... so...

You see, over there? There's a hole in the ground where that slime the lunch snail gave me melted through the floor. It sent me down a level when I spilled it.
Oh, yeah, it does that.
Well, what if we-
If we all take turns going through it down there, we can all go in the direction of Hemera and Jay's room and find the social workers!

Excuse me, I was speaking.
If we all tell them together, and they see all of us... they'll HAVE to believe us. How can they not believe 18 people with identical stories?
That might just work...
As I was SAYING, if we go down through that hole in the floor then we can go find the investigators.

You want us all to go through a hole and fall down to the floor and potentially get hurt bro?
You'll be fiiiiiiine. Just be careful when you--
Will you stop it and let me speak?!
Anyways... It's a 9 foot fall... try and land on your side. You might be able to avoid fracturing or breaking anything that way.
It's okay, Cyn, just let it go.

Sorry to say this Barry, but I think injuries like that have a low chance of badly hurting us, considering the fact we survive having our organs ripped out through our mouths.
...that's true. Nevermind.
(Why does that happen anyways?)
(Probably because this is a cartoon)
(What?)
(I didn't say anything)

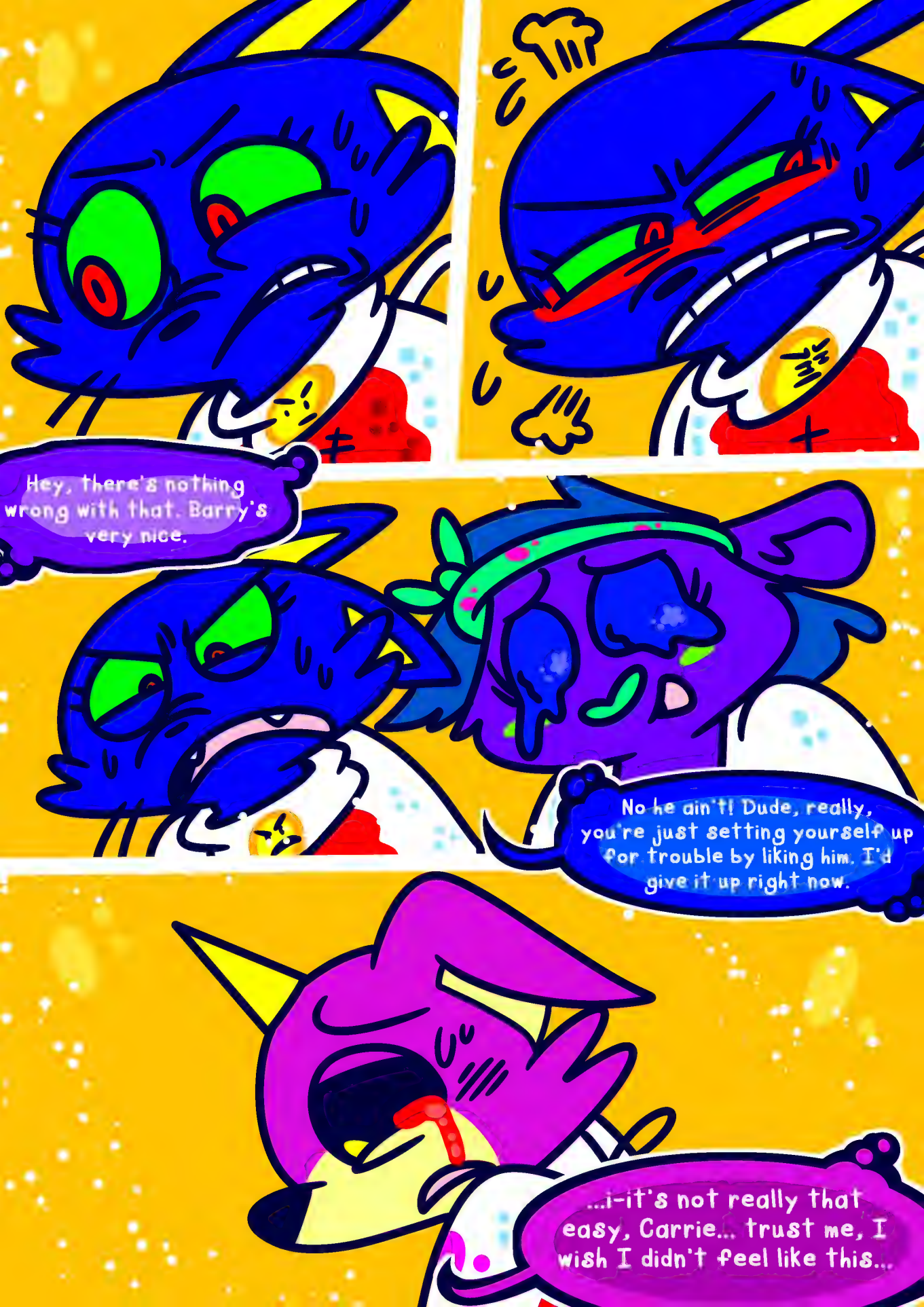
Okay, now, all we need to do is go to their hospital room and tell them the truth! This will be easy!
Sorry, but if all of us move in such a large group, wouldn't they notice us and send us back?
...that is also true. Hm... In that case, let's split up into groups of 3.

Us four will not separate.
I'll go with Jean!
I will go alone.
You need 3.
Jean could count as two people.
...that's fair.

B-Barry, you can come with me and Carrie!
...actually, I was gonna go with Finn and Polly.

B-but we're like a team bro! Us three! Carrie and I tried getting you out first!
Honestly, Cornelius, don't be weird.
I'll go with you guys, okay?
Thanks, Keeks.

Hey, Uni, are you okay?
Hey dude, don't let yourself get bent out of shape over Gangrene. He's not worth it.
...C-Cares... I... I think... I think I might... u-ugh... I think I might like him bro...


Hey, there's nothing wrong with that. Barry's very nice.
No he ain't! Dude, really, you're just setting yourself up for trouble by liking him. I'd give it up right now.
...i-it's not really that easy, Carrie... trust me, I wish I didn't feel like this...

...okay, okay, if you like him, that's fine. Just... be careful, okay? I... I don't want you to get hurt. I care about you.
T-thank you for caring... I just can't help it... seeing how he was acting about Polly just made me- it made me- it made me want to scream and cry and throw up and- and-
Hey, hey, it's okay... it'll be okay. I promise.
...thank you bro...

Hey Polly, are you familiar with magnetism?
OH!!! You're an artist? That's so cool! I love artists and art! What kind of art do you make?
I use magnets in my art
Mostly like, sculptures- assortments of things I steal from various places
W-wow! That's very cool!!! I love people who steal things!!!
Do you now

I'm studying to become a physicist!!! I love all different kinds of science! Do you like science?
It's cool
COOL!!! He thinks what I like is cool!!!
I-I'm so glad you think it's cool! Most people just call me a nerd for it...
A-AND THEY'RE RIGHT!!! I am a huge nerd!!!
Nerds are cool

W-what other stuff do you like Polly?
I like sleeping
I LOVE SLEEPING!!! It's one of my favorite things! I sleep every night!
Yeah, I would hope so

Heh- heh- hey Polly, you should tell him what your favorite color is.
...
Purple
W-what's your favorite color Polly?
I LOVE PURPLE!!! PURPLE IS MY FAVORITE COLOR TOO!!! I love purple things!!! All my favorite things are purple!!!

Hey, Barry, can I talk to Polly for a second?
YES! You can talk!
I will let you talk!

Man, I know you're someone everyone's into, but this guy has lost his marbles over you.

I can see that

What are you gonna do?

I dunno, he's not really doing anything wrong, he's just being a bit weird... It's pretty harmless. I'm not really uncomfortable or anything

What do you think of him?

I think he's green

workers
teria
oom and
here

BARRY
-green
-???

Yeah, that's probably right.

CAFETERIA
Now... time to take a look at the cafeteria.
Hm... I guess nobody's hungry.

...w-what on Spinch is this?!
A-are you the cafeteria worker? I'm a health inspector, can you explain this?!

Dat's my swime, I feed it to da patients.
You feed them TOXIC WASTE? That violates absolutely every health and safety code!
I am going to have this place reported and shut down for this! You will never--
K

DUNK

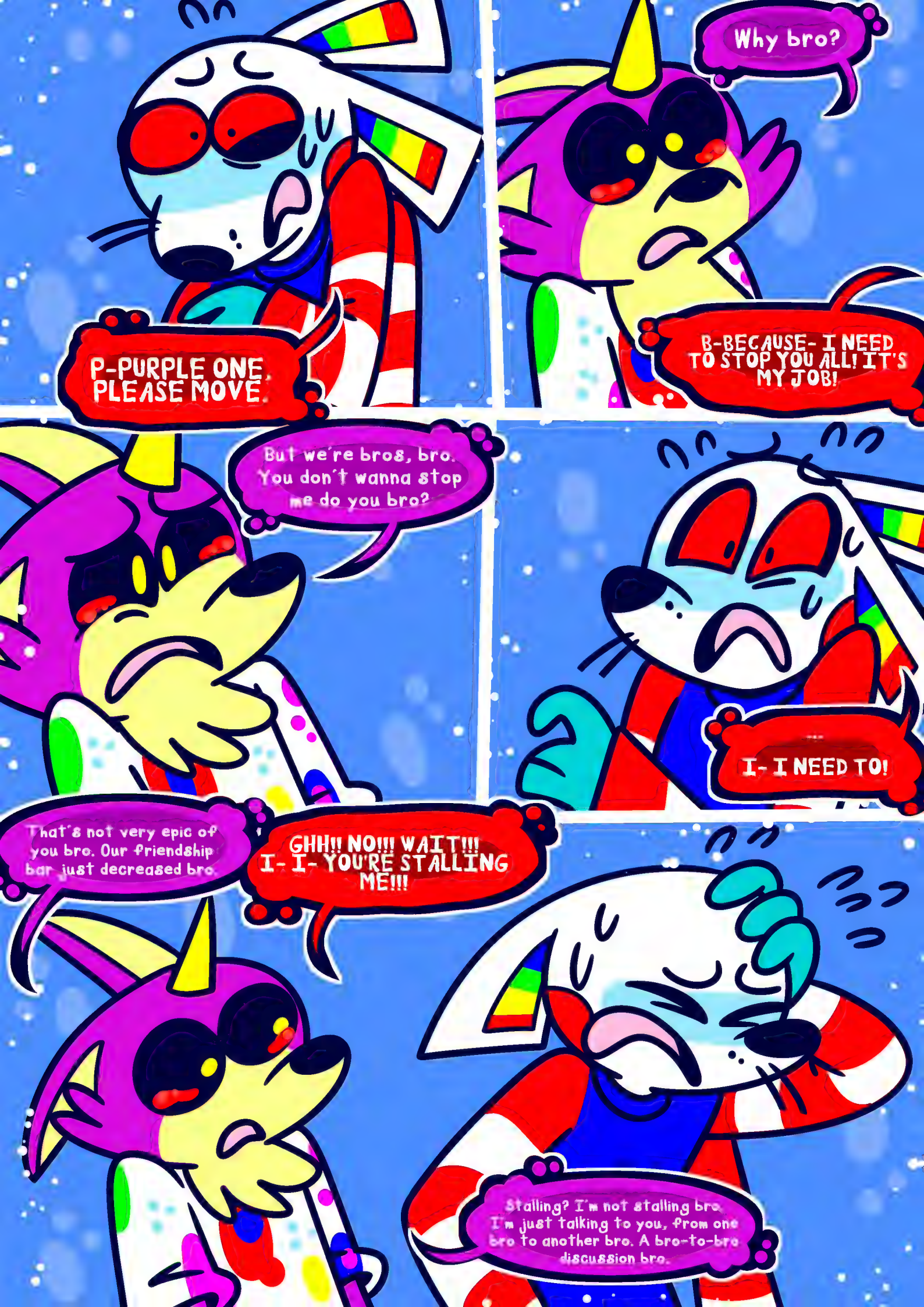
Weww, new job fow me.

Hm, these patients seem fine. But I am specifically here to talk to the red one.

Sorry, sir, I'm Jay's caregiver, I will speak for them.
That's fine.
S-sir? I don't think that's legal-
Quiet, Mr. Howtlook.
Can you talk about their experience here?
This hospital is a great place. They help us with all our needs and take very good care of us! Isn't that right Jay?
...yeah...
What a pleasant surprise. The blue one had a wild story about saws and knives and things like that being used on the patients. What do you think of that?
I think that's ridiculous. They could never get away with something like that with nobody knowing.

Alright. Very good. I guess I got both of you here. Now all that's left is... this green cat patient.
O-of course! I will go get him!
STAIRS
-GHH! YOU THREE! HOW DID YOU GET OUT?!

Outta my way, rat!
HEY!!! HOLD ON A SECOND! COME BACK HERE!
Hi bro!


P-PURPLE ONE, PLEASE MOVE.
Why bro?
B-BECAUSE- I NEED TO STOP YOU ALL! IT'S MY JOB!
But we're bros, bro. You don't wanna stop me do you bro?
I- I NEED TO!
That's not very epic of you bro. Our friendship bar just decreased bro.
GHH!! NO!!! WAIT!!! I- I- YOU'RE STALLING ME!!!
Stalling? I'm not stalling bro. I'm just talking to you, from one bro to another bro. A bro-to-bro discussion bro.

HEY!!! YOU!!! STOP!!!

GHHHHH!!!
...what?
N-NOBODY'S EVER HELD MY HAND BEFORE...
Oh, I'll hold your hand if you let us go, bro.
okay

Care-care? Keek-keek? What are you doing here...??
WHERE did the social workers go?
Well... They're going to see Bear-bear right now--
-oh! Okay!

For Tears' sake! They can't keep doing this! Jay, stay with Mood!

Jay-jay, what is going on?

I'm guessing they're trying to find the social workers.

Oh dear...

Is there a reason you're not chasing them bro-bro?
I said I'd hold their hand if they let us go. They accepted.
Aw...
I-I'M NOT USED TO PEOPLE TOUCHING ME!!
I'm kind of amazed it took that little to convince you...
it's a lot for me

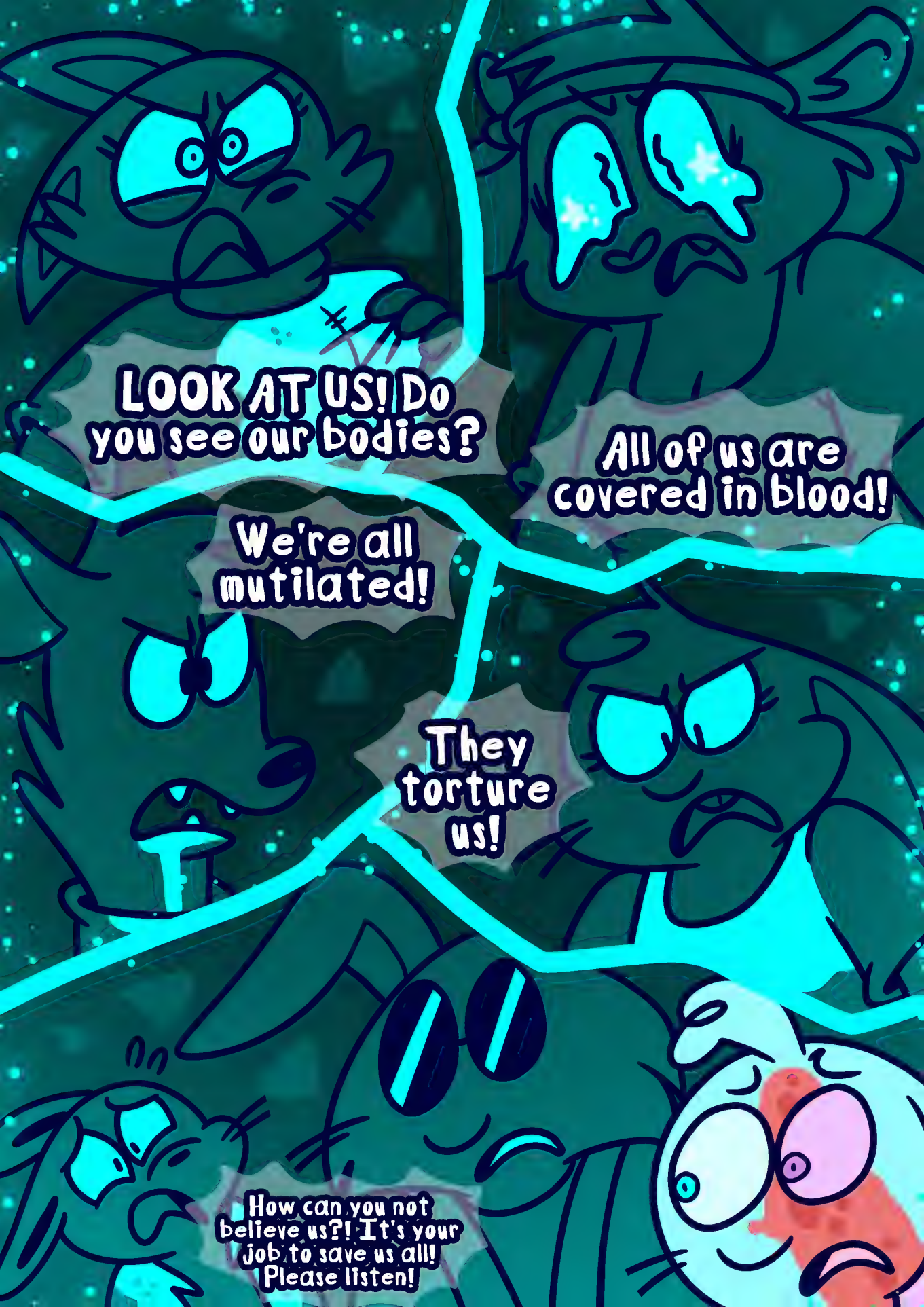
SKID
BRO!! WAIT!!!
I'M SORRY!!!

ICE CUBES!!!
I won't let you get there first bro!!!
What's his deal?
I didn't know it was a race

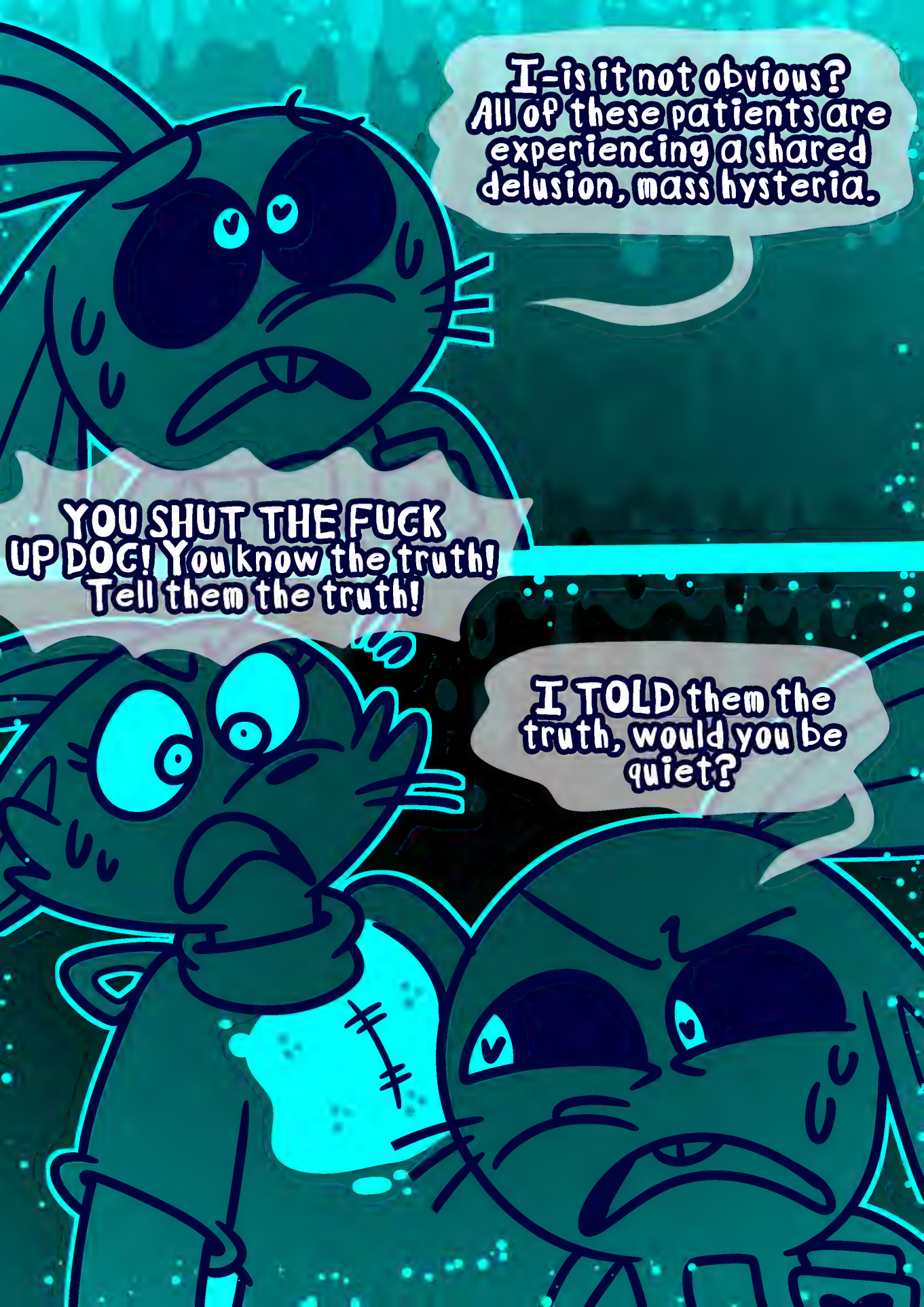
Well, this patient is the roommate of that eyeless one. We should have seen him then.
S-sir? Can I ask you something?
What.

A-are you sure nothing feels weird to you about this place...?
What do you mean?
L-like... Are you sure that the report was lying? Everything about this place has given me really bad vibes... the patients are covered in blood... the staff is acting strange... It scares me.
B-BUT- people can lie! It's not always what it seems!
Well, unless we get a clear piece of concrete evidence of the abuse, everything is fine.

Tell me, Howtlook, can you give me definitive evidence that this hospital tortures and kills people? Do you have any pictures or videos proving it?
W-well... no, but--
That's what I thou--
HEY!!!


LOOK AT US! Do you see our bodies?
All of us are covered in blood!
We're all mutilated!
They torture us!
How can you not believe us?! It's your job to save us all! Please listen!

What is the meaning of this, Doctor?


I-is it not obvious? All of these patients are experiencing a shared delusion, mass hysteria.
YOU SHUT THE FUCK UP DOG! You know the truth! Tell them the truth!
I TOLD them the truth, would you be quiet?

Sir...?
Well... The physical state of all these patients is concerning... It is an awful lot of blood...

T-THAT HAPPENS DURING SURGERY! They get them regularly for their illnesses! It's necessary!
...and it is a large number of people making these allegations...
Y-you mean... you believe us?!?

...well, I have come to the conclusion...
That these patients...

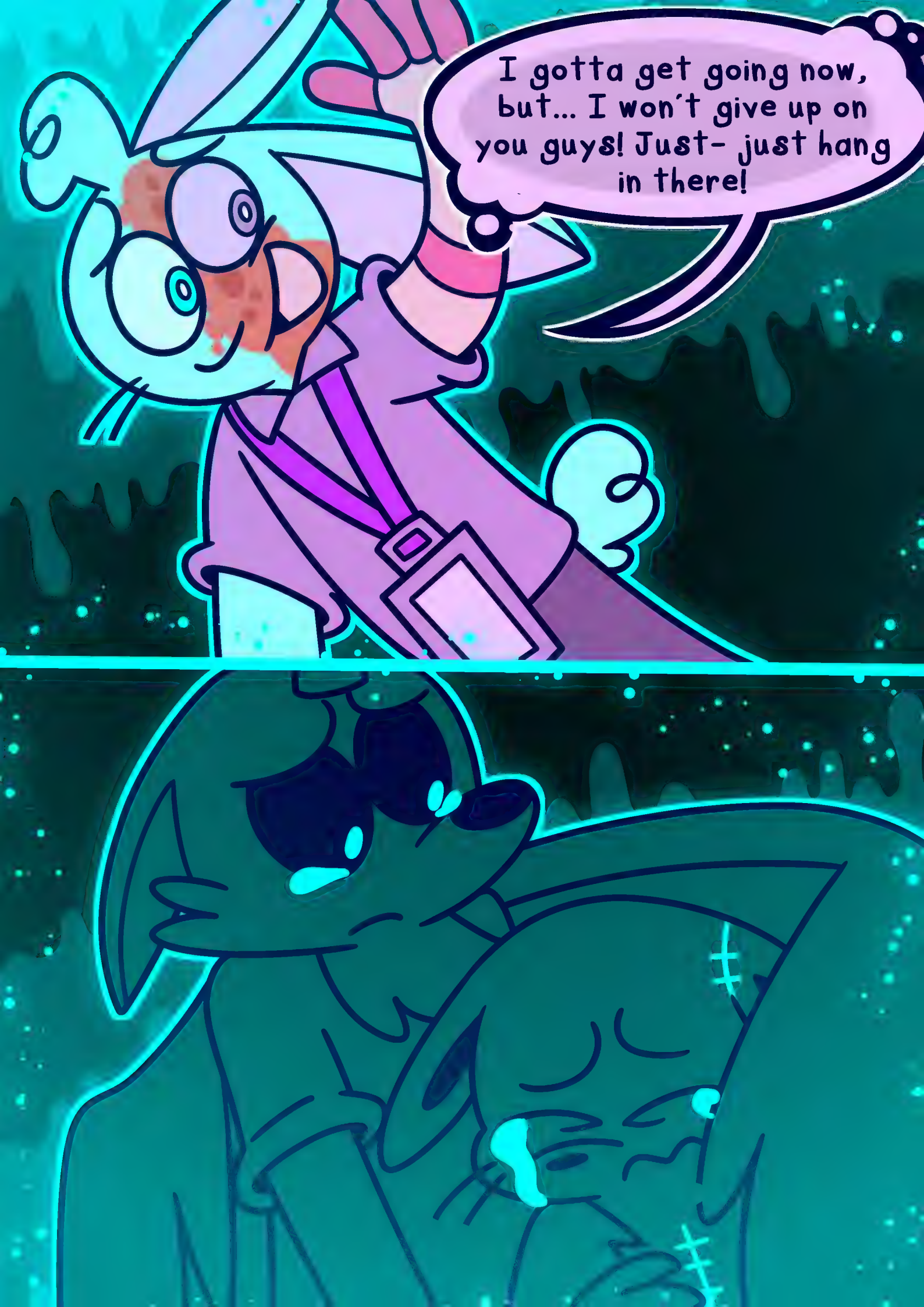
Are absolutely, undeniably telling....

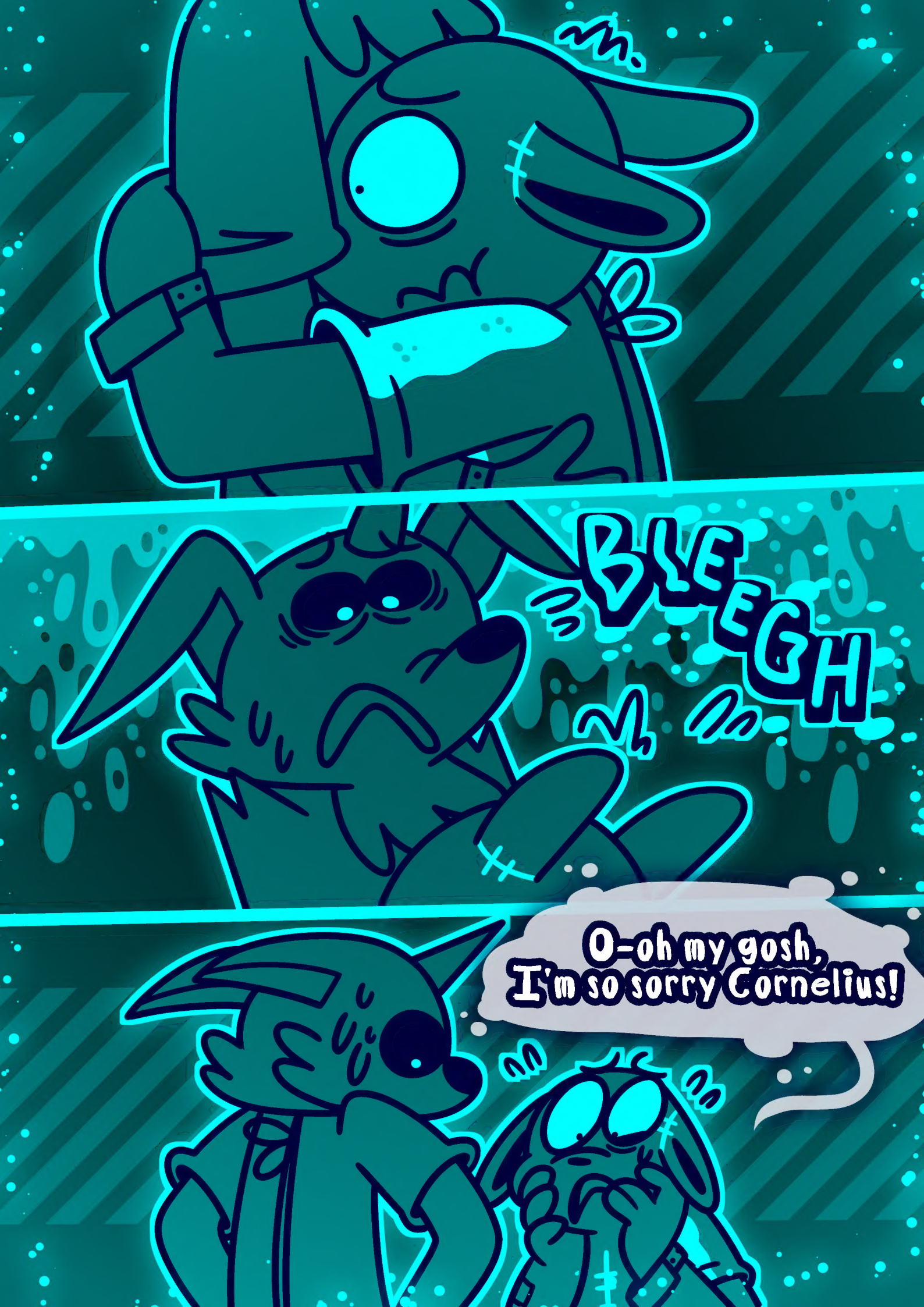
...nothing but
LIES.
WHAT?!?

It makes perfect sense that patients that receive regular surgeries would be covered in blood, and that when isolated together would undergo shared psychosis. It only makes sense.
YOU HAVE TO BE FUCKING KIDDING ME.
I see no concerns here. At first I had some doubts, but... I am absolutely sure that this hospital is completely safe, and there is no abuse anywhere.
Doctor, you're doing a great service to the country by taking care of these very unwell people.

S-SIR!!!
No more questions. Let us be off.
I can't believe this... W-we were so close...

H-hey, hold on! I- I believe you guys!
What...?
I believe you! I think my boss is wrong! I believe they're hurting you! T-the only issue is... I'm an intern, I don't have much power... But...


I gotta get going now, but... I won't give up on you guys! Just- just hang in there!


BLEEGH
O-oh my gosh, I'm so sorry Cornelius!

..still?
Yeah.
Dork.

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I'm awfully sick. It'd be nice to find the cure.
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